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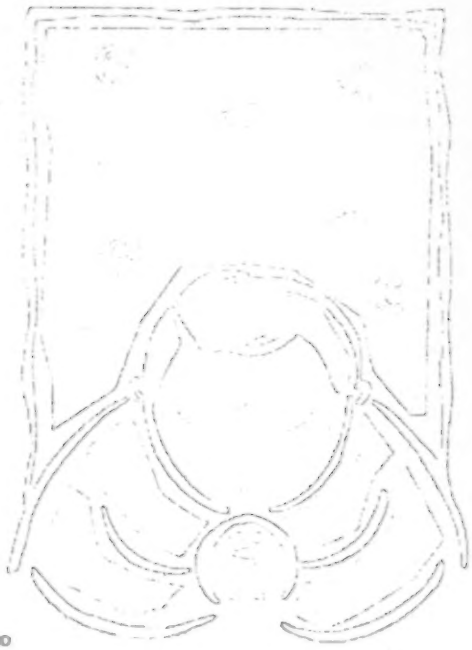

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INTRODUCTION

As Chair of the Publications Committee of the Church and Synagogue Library Association, I became increasingly aware that the most recent issue of RELIGIOUS BOOKS FOR CHILDREN by Patricia Dole was in need of a revision.

In early 1999 Patricia told me she would not be able to produce a new revision at this time because of a contract with her current publisher. With her permission, I contacted several members of CSLA to ask their help in creating this new edition.

Charles Snyder, Book Review Editor of *Church and Synagogue LIBRARIES*, presented a workshop at the 1997 CSLA National Conference on reference books for children and young adults. Jane Parke, Librarian at United Methodist Church, Kingwood, Texas, and Evelyn Pockrass, Librarian at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Indianapolis, Indiana, assisted Charles in gathering material for this workshop. Charles' latest endeavor was at the 2000 CSLA National Conference, where he presented a workshop on holidays, which included many books for children. His workshop bibliographies have been extremely helpful in compiling this bibliography.

When I began this project, I contacted Evelyn Pockrass to ask for her assistance in compiling the Judaism portion of this edition. She has been invaluable in providing recommendations and suggestions.

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New subject headings have been added, such as Kwanzaa, Mother's Day/Father's Day, Epiphany, Fall/Halloween/Harvest and a special section of Board Books for the very young.

Books are arranged by subject and include material for children from infants through sixth grade. Cataloging information has been generally taken from the Cataloging in Publication listed in each book. Librarians are advised to catalog according to individual needs.

I would like to generate an addendum on a yearly basis. If you have recommendations of books you would like to see included, please contact me at:

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I look forward to hearing from you.

BIBLE

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Barton, Bruce. BIBLE ANIMALS. Tyndale, 1997, 64p. $8.99, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
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Blackhouse, Robert. THE STUDENT GUIDE TO BIBLE PEOPLE. Illus. Richard Scott, Augsburg Fortress, 1996, unp. $6.99, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
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Lathrop, Dorothy P. ANIMALS OF THE BIBLE. Text selected from the King James Bible by Helen Dean Fish. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 1987, 66p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
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ISBN: 0877935254
282.03 CATHOLIC CHURCH—DICTIONARIES
An A-Z picture dictionary, 252 simple definitions, full color illustrations, terminology, and liturgy. Clear concepts that are appealing to children.

Nystrom, Carolyn. WHAT IS THE BIBLE? Illus. Eira Reeves. Moody, 1994, unp. $6.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
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Richards, Lawrence. INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BIBLE HANDBOOK. Word, 1997, 224p,12.99, Paperback, Ages 8-12.
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Silverthorne, Sandy. THE AWESOME BOOK OF BIBLE FACTS. Harvest House, 1994, 96p, $16.99, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
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220.9 BIBLE
Fun-filled storybook, Bible dictionary and assemblage of

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Waller, Lynn. INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BIBLE DICTIONARY. Word, 1997, 224p. $12.99, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
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Egermeier, Elsie. EGERMEIER'S BIBLE STORY BOOK. Warner, 1969, 640p. $19.95, Hardcover. Ages 9-12.
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Hamilton, Virginia. IN THE BEGINNING: Creation Stories From Around the World. Illus. Barry Moser. Harcourt Brace, 1988, 161p. $26.00, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
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222.409 DANIEL
An integrated narrative tells Daniel's life from his capture by Babylonian soldiers through his prayer at death in easily understood language. The book is illustrated with dramatically designed paintings.

Heath, Lou. DANIEL: Faithful Captive. Baptist Sunday School Board, 1977, 47p. $5.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0805442316
221.92 DANIEL BIBLE STORIES—O.T.
Daniel's experiences are drawn together into a simple biographical narrative and serious color pictures. Questions at the end of each chapter relate Daniel's actions to those of the reader.

Ryan, John. THE VERY HUNGRY LIONS: A Story of Daniel. Chariot Victor, 1997, 32p. $5.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0745937233
222.409 DANIEL
An old woman witnessed two incidents regarding Daniel when she was a child: Belshazzar's feast and Daniel in the lions' den. Cartoon illustrations are colorful and lively.

DAVID

Fisher, Leonard. DAVID AND GOLIATH. Holiday House, 1993, 32p. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 082340997X
222.43 DAVID
Beautiful full color drawings tell the story of David, whose faith in God helped him to challenge Goliath, the towering Philistine giant. Map included.

Freehof, Lillian. STORIES OF KING DAVID. Illus. Seymour Kaplan. Jewish Publication, 1995, 161p. $10.95, Hardcover, Ages 7 up.
ISBN: 0827605676
222.43 DAVID
Story surrounds the incidents of David's life into the Biblical history portraying him as wise and strong. Black and white illustrations.

Little, Emily. DAVID AND THE GIANT. Illus. Hans Wilhelm. Random, 1987, 32p. $3.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0394888677
222.43 DAVID
Designed as a first-grade reader with limited vocabulary and short sentences, the story is accurate and lively. Amusing, cartoon style color pictures show David strumming a harp amid a sea of smiling sheep, bopping a lion, felling Goliath, and being hailed as a hero.

ELIJAH

Jaffe, Nina. THE MYSTERIOUS VISITOR: Stories of the Prophet Elijah. Illus. Elivia Savadier. Scholastic, 1997, 112p. $19.95, Hardcover, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0590484222
222.509 ELIJAH
Eight stories telling of the wanderings of Elijah and of the fortunes of those who welcomed him into their homes. Each story is illustrated with lively watercolors. A glossary, notes, and bibliography are included.

Lashbrook, Marilyn. GOD, PLEASE SEND FIRE: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal. Me Too! Readers. Rainbow Studies, 1998, unp. $6.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 093365779X
222.509 ELIJAH
Retelling of the story of Elijah whose task it was to turn the Israelites back to God. Funny, clever cartoons.

Zimmer, Giles. GOD'S FIRE FOR ELIJAH. Illus Allan Eitzen. Concordia, 1999, 16p. $1.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0570075505
222.509 ELIJAH
Dramatic pictures with understandable text written in short form for young children. Reads aloud well.

ESTHER

(See also JUDAISM—Purim)

Gelman, Rita. QUEEN ESTHER SAVES HER PEOPLE. Illus. Fran Lessac. Scholastic, 1998, unp. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 6-10.
ISBN: 0590470256
222.9 ESTHER
Retelling of the story of how a beautiful Jewish girl became

the Queen of Persia and how she saved her people from death at the hands of the evil Hamen. Illustrations are folk art-style paintings.

Nystrom, Carolyn. COURAGE, ESTHER! (Follow the Leader Series) Illus. Sharon Dahl. Moody, 1998, 32p. $7.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0802422063
222.9 ESTHER
The story of Esther is relatively detailed. Illustrations are dark, mysterious and colorful.

Wolkstein, Diane. ESTHER'S STORY. Illus. Juan Wijngaard. Mulberry, 1998, 40p. $4.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0688158447
222.9 ESTHER
Twenty-five centuries ago, a shy orphan girl was unexpectedly chosen as Queen of Persia. Blessed with majesty and humanity, she risked the wrath of a king to save her people. Her inspiring voice comes to life in her diaries, inviting all to share in the joy celebrated around the world as Purim. Elegant color illustrations.

JONAH

Davidson, Alice Joyce. THE STORY OF JONAH. Gibson, 1984, 32p. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0837850681
224.92 JONAH
After Alice steps through a magic book into Bible land, she learns, along with Jonah, that God sees everywhere, expects obedience, and forgives lovingly. Feminine illustrations in muted shades.

L'Engle, Madeleine. THE JOURNEY WITH JONAH. Illus. Leonard Everett Fisher. Sunburst, 1991, 64p. $5.95, Paperback, All ages.
ISBN: 0374438587
224.92 JONAH
A charming short play in which birds and animals surround Jonah as he complains about his mission to hated Nineveh, tries to flee by ship, rides in the whale's belly, prophesies successfully, rages at the worm that eats the gourd vine, and finally, with rather ill grace, concedes to God's will. Fourteen parts for Sunday school or youth group participants to read aloud or act out are funny, literate, and very much to the point as a teaching aid.

Pingry, Patricia. THE STORY OF JONAH AND THE BIG FISH. Illus. Stacy Venturi-Pickett. Candy Cane, 1998, 26p. $7.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0824940946
224.92 JONAH
A simplified account of Jonah's flight from God, which includes the sea voyage and the great fish but ends when Jonah is vomited on the dry land and heads for Nineveh. The large paperback format has rather childish, colorful double page pictures in which the men look like bearded children and the fish have large, dreamy eyes with lashes.

Spier, Peter. THE BOOK OF JONAH. Illus. Author. Baker, 2000, 24p. $12.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0801044731
224.92 JONAH
Meticulously-detailed watercolors filled with fascinating activities depict the busy port of Joppa, the ship struggling in the storm, the giant rose and turquoise fish gulping Jonah, the teeming elegance of Nineveh, etc. and are accompanied by a faithful, clear text translated from a 17th century Dutch Bible. Includes history of Jonah and Nineveh, the Ninawa area of today, maps and a schematic drawing of a Phoenician ship.

JOSEPH

Citrin, Paul. JOSEPH'S WARDROBE. Illus. Lindsey Aitken. Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1998, 102p. $6.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0807403199
Fiction JOSEPH
Torah-inspired modern midrashim tells of the special powers of Joseph's signet ring, his magical chariot, his whispering necklace, his viceroy's crown, and his robe of three threads, which symbolize essential Jewish values of compassion, freedom, justice, identity, and community as they are interwoven into Joseph's life. The combination of moral and legend is well-written, illustrated with intricate black and white drawings, and includes a glossary.

Kassirer, Sue. JOSEPH AND HIS COAT OF MANY COLORS. Illus. Danuta Jarecka. Aladdin, 1997, 32p. $3.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0689812264
Fiction JOSEPH
Easy reading describing the life of Joseph who forgave his brothers for selling him into slavery. Brilliant colorful illustrations.

Lewis, Lee Ann. THE TROUBLE WITH DREAMS. Illus. Joy Dunn. Herald, 1991, 160p. $5.99, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0836135717
Fiction JOSEPH
This lively and very readable narrative tells Joseph's ability to interpret dreams, causing him many problems before proving to be a gift from God.

JOSHUA

Chaikin, Miriam. JOSHUA IN THE PROMISED LAND. Illus. David Frampton. Clarion, 1990, 83p. $7.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0395547970
222.2 JOSHUA
The addition of an imaginary family adds to the interest of this carefully written biography illustrated with sturdy woodcuts.

Pingry, Patricia. THE STORY OF JOSHUA AND THE BUGLES OF JERICHO. Illus. James Spence. Ideals, 1988, unp. $3.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0824981782
222.2 JOSHUA
An adequate account of the crossing of the River Jordan on dry land and the capture of the city, from the Book of Joshua, in a large paperback format. Has bright double-page pictures with too many sentimentalized and unlikely animals.

Sproul, R. C. THE PRIEST WITH DIRTY CLOTHES: A Timeless Story of God's Love and Forgiveness. Illus. Liz Bonham. Word, 1997, 48p, $14.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0849914558
Fiction JOSHUA
The story of Joshua, the high priest, on his way to preach before the king. After an accident soils the priest's clothes, a perfect gift is offered—new clothes for the heart.

MOSES

(See also Judaism—Passover)

Chaikin, Miriam. EXODUS. Illus. Charles Mikolaycak. Holiday, 1987, 32p. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0823406075
222.12 EXODUS / BIBLE STORIES—O.T.
Stately text with Biblical cadences highlights Moses' life from his rescue by Pharaoh's daughter through the building of the ark and tabernacle. Carefully researched text. Strong, swirling pictures of virile figures capture the terror and excitement of the events.

Freehof, Lillian. BIBLE LEGENDS: An Introduction of Midrash. Volume Two: Exodus. Illus. Phyllis Tarlow. Union of America Hebrew Congregations, 1988, 160p. $6.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0807404128
296.1 OR 398.2 FOLKLORE, JEWISH / BIBLE STORIES—O.T./ EXODUS / MIDRASH
Fascinating tales of Moses begin with him as a baby snatching Pharaoh's crown and narrowly escaping execution, ending with his death as he is taken by a kiss from God. In between the Biblical text of his exploits in the wilderness are colorfully embellished well written narratives.

Hayward, Linda. BABY MOSES. Econo-Clad, 1999, 32p. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0833528645
222.1109 MOSES/BIBLE STORIES—O.T.
Large type. Easy vocabulary tell about Moses' journey in the basket. After his mother launches him, he passes snakes, ibis, hippos, and crocodiles and sails into the arms of Pharaoh's daughter. Luckily, her father lets her keep him. Bright watercolors.

Mahany, Patricia Shely. BABY MOSES IN A BASKET. Illus. Helen Endres. Standard, 1996, 14p. $2.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0784704465
222.12 MOSES
Sentimental, brightly colored pictures and a simple text show the infant Moses' birth, concealment from Pharaoh's soldiers, and rescue from the Nile by an adoring Pharaoh's daughter.

Pingry, Patricia. THE STORY OF MOSES AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. Illus. Stephanie McFetridge Britt. Ideals, 1990, 24p. $3.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0824984188
222.11. MOSES
After a confusing beginning, the wanderings in the desert, Moses on Mt. Sinai, the worship of the golden calf, and the second presentation of the tablets of the law are handled credibly in simple words and concepts. The large paperback format has colorful cartoon-style pictures.

Wildsmith, Brian. EXODUS. Eerdmans, 1999, 36p. $16.00, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0802851754
222.12 EXODUS / MOSES
Retelling of Moses' saga from his rescue in the bulrushes by the Pharaoh's daughter to his death on Mt. Nebo. Illustrations are filled with great detail, glowing in rich colors. Each page is framed in gold. The Ten Commandments are printed in an elegant style on the endpapers.

NOAH

Davidson, Alice Joyce. THE STORY OF NOAH. Illus. Victoria Marshall. Gibson, 1984, 14p. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0837850673
222.11 NOAH / NOAH'S ARK
After Alice studies about Noah in Bible school, she is transported to the time of the flood when she steps through a magic screen. As they disembark, each passenger on the ark thanks God in its own language. When Alice returns home and sees a rainbow, she also gives thanks for God's care. The rhymed text is illustrated with dainty pictures in light colors.

Hayward, Linda. NOAH'S ARK. Econo-Clad, 1999. 32p. $12.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0833503715
222.11 NOAH'S ARK / NOAH / BIBLE STORIES—O.T.
Beginning readers can handle the very short sentences and large type that tell about Noah in a simple, lively style. Bright watercolor pictures show plenty of animals.

Jonas, Ann. AARDVARKS, DISEMBARK! Illus. Author. Econo-Clad, 1999, unp. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 8-12.
ISBN: 0785758054
222.1109 NOAH'S ARK / BIBLE STORIES
The Flood is treated in a very sketchy way, eliminating God's displeasure, the raven flights, and the rainbow. The variety of animals is the focal point, with pairs of exotic species filing down snowy Mt. Ararat onto a grassy plain in double page watercolors, done in an eye-catching, simple,

precise technique. Although marginal for teaching Noah, it is a good discussion tool for man's stewardship of the earth and God's creativity.

LeTord, Bijou. NOAH'S TREES. Harper-Collins, 1999, unp. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0060285273
Fiction NOAH
Elegant words telling of the traditional Old Testament story with an emphasis on environmental stewardship. You will learn how Noah nurtured the trees that were to become the wood for the ark. Soft, warm watercolor illustrations.

Lorimer, Lawrence T. NOAH'S ARK. Illus. Charles E. Martin. Random House, 1978, 32p. $3.25, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0394838610
222.11 NOAH'SARK / BIBLE STORIES—O. T. GENESIS
The industrious Noah and big-eyed, wondering animals busily fill the softly colored pictures. Story retold interestingly and accurately.

Prescott, D. M. NOAH AND HIS ARK. Illus. Patricia Papps & Andrew Skilleter. Warner, 1984, 42p. $2.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0871622734
222.11 NOAH'S ARK / NOAH
Interesting pictures in soft colors portray the construction of the ark, many pretty animals, and a serene Noah family. The text is simple and pleasant.

Ray, Jane. NOAH'S ARK: Words from the Book of Genesis. Illus. Author, Dutton, 1998, 32p. $6.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0140564179
222.11. NOAH'S ARK
The formal King James text, beginning with God's displeasure with man and ending with the promise never again to curse the earth, is illustrated with great charm and simplicity with brightly colored, decorative, primitive-style figures of people, animals, and birds.

Singer, Isaac Bashevis. WHY NOAH CHOSE THE DOVE. Illus. Eric Carle. Farrar Straus, & Giroux, 1973, 31p. $16.00, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0374384207
ISBN: 0374360855 (Spanish edition, 1992)
222.11 NOAH'S ARK
Mistakenly believing that Noah will take only the best of the living creatures on the ark, each animal brags about its virtues. Only the dove remains quiet and trusting, and is chosen as Noah's special messenger. The big, handsome stylized animals perfect this witty spin-off of the Flood story.

Spier, Peter. NOAH'S ARK. Illus. Author. Picture Yearling, 1992, 48p. $7.99, Paperback, Ages 4 up.
ISBN: 0440406935
222.11 NOAH'S ARK
Fabulous wordless picture book portrayal begins with the loading of the ark, shows the wonderful variety of animals inside, the stages of the Flood outside, and ends triumphantly with the rainbow. Delightful humor. Exquisite watercolors; full of joy in nature.

Proverbs and Psalms

Anderson, Debby. GOD IS WITH ME: Happy Day Book. Standard, 1995, unp. $2.49, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0784703493
223.2 CHILDREN—RELIGIOUS LIFE / BIBLE—O.T. PSALMS
Showing children of various races enjoying indoor and outdoor activities, with a simple, appropriate text, expresses the 139th Psalm. New International Version of the Psalm is included. Illustrated in cartoon style.

Beck, Ingrid. THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD: From Psalm 23. Westminster John Knox, 1999, unp. $12.95, Hardcover, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 0664221351
223.205 BIBLE—O.T. PSALMS
The 23rd Psalm begins the story, followed by a simple version for the very young. Illustrations are bright and colorful.

Davidson, Alice Joyce. PSALMS AND PROVERBS. Illus. Victoria Marshall. CR Gibson, 1984, unp. $5.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 083785069X
242.62 PSALMS / PROVERBS
Little Alice writes her own versions of short quotations from 14 Psalms and 15 Proverbs in rhyme. She thinks about her own experiences with God's love, protection, guidance, etc., and is pictured in pastel greeting card style artwork.

LeTord, Bijou. THE LITTLE SHEPHERD: The 23rd Psalm. Illus. Author. Picture Yearling, 1995, 32p. $4.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0440409616
223.2052 BIBLE—O.T. PSALMS XIII
A modest, simplified version is true to the spirit of the original Psalm but milder, less succinct, and more gently reassuring, one to which very young children can relate. Soft-toned watercolors in a minimal, primitive style show a red-cheeked shepherd boy, his dog, and flock against Judean hills glowing a warm tan in the daytime and a cool blue at night.

Taylor, Kenneth. WISE WORDS FOR LITTLE PEOPLE. Illus. Kathryn Shoemaker. Tyndale, 1987, 64p. $11.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0842382321
248.82 BIBLE—O. T. PROVERBS / CHILDREN—RELIGIOUS LIFE
A four-line poem, an anecdote from everyday living, discussion questions and a short prayer are drawn from each of 26 Proverb verses which are applicable to a child's conduct in life. Emphasis is on how to please God; topics include stealing, praying, caring for pets, etc. Gentle, informal text reads aloud well and is greatly enhanced by

charming watercolor illustrations of children of various races in familiar activities.

Tudor, Tasha. THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD. Illus. Author, Putnam, 1980, 24p. $12.99, Hardcover, Ages 4 up.
ISBN: 0399207562
223.2 BIBLE—O. T. PSALMS XXIII
The King James scripture exquisitely illustrated with scenes of a little girl and her Corgi dog quietly absorbing the joys of New England farm life.

NEW TESTAMENT

Stories

Gaines, M. C. PICTURE STORIES FROM THE BIBLE: The New Testament in Full-Color Comic Strip Form. Scarf, 1980, 143p. $12.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0934386021
225.95 BIBLE STORIES—NEW TESTAMENT
Episodes from the life of Jesus, Paul, and the early church. Jesus' words in red. Undistinguished artwork. Approved by all faiths.

Henderson, Florence. ONE MINUTE BIBLE STORIES, NEW TESTAMENT. Yearling, 1991, 48p. $5.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0440406285
226.9505 BIBLE STORIES—NEW TESTAMENT
In these severely shortened versions of twenty incidents from Jesus' life, the material is often cursory or incomplete. The big, bright format has busy illustrations.

Lindvall, Ella K. READ-ALOUD BIBLE STORIES, Vols. 1–4. Moody, 158p. each. $19.99 each. Hardcover. Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0802471633. Volume 1 1986.
ISBN: 0802471641. Volume 2 1987.
ISBN: 080247165X. Volume 3 1990.
ISBN: 0802471668. Volume 4 1995.
220.9505 BIBLE STORIES—N.T.
Each volume of this series includes five Bible stories retold with simplicity that small children will love.
Very large type suitable for beginning readers makes these valuable tools. The language is plain and homey. Huge humorous, very simple pictures in strong colors have appeal for small children.

McCaughrean, Geraldine. GOD'S KINGDOM: Stories From the New Testament. Illus. Ann Leplar. McElderry, 2000, 120p. $20.00, Hardcover, Ages 8 up.
ISBN: 0689824882
226.9505 BIBLE STORIES—N.T.
Thirty-seven stories tell the highlights of the life of Jesus, beginning with his birth, life, works and ending with his death. Each page has a passage from the King James Bible. Colorful watercolors give the illustrations an appealing arrangement.

Verniero, Joan. ONE-HUNDRED-AND-ONE READ-ALOUD BIBLE STORIES. Black Dog & Leventhal, 1998, 368p. $12.98, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 1579120245
226.9505 BIBLE STORIES—N.T.
Stories of the Old Testament to be read in 10 minutes or less. Includes 60 beautiful illustrations.

Personalities

MARY

dePaola, Tomie. MARY: The Mother of Jesus. Holiday House, 1995, 30p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0823410188
232.91 MARY—(MOTHER OF JESUS)
Based on the New English Version, the stories are drawn on "scripture, legend and tradition" through 15 events, including Mary's betrothal to Joseph, the Nativity, the flight into Egypt and the marriage at Cana. Simple majestic illustrations.

Napoli, Donna. SONG OF THE MAGDALENE. Scholastic, 1996, 224p. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0590937057
232.91 MARY MAGDALENE
An historical novel set in Israel telling of the searing love story of two outcasts, one of whom will grow up to become Mary Magdalene. A moving story for young adults of a caring and loving woman who is cruelly rejected by society.

Simon, Mary Manz. SIT DOWN! MARTHA AND MARY. Hear Me Read Series. Illus. Dennis Jones. Concordia, 1991, 24p. $2.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0570047013
226.4095 MARY OF BETHANY
This beginning reader with a 19-word vocabulary has a lively account of the Mary and Martha story from Luke 10:38-42. Vigorous, colorful, cartoon -style illustrations are very effective.

PAUL

Graeber, Charlotte. PAUL, SPEAK FOR GOD. Nelson, 1986, unp. $3.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0840767005
225.924 PAUL
Paul's conversion and early ministry, drawn from Acts 9, 13 and 14, are narrated with vigor and illustrated by funny, bright cartoons.

Hostetler, Marian. WE KNEW PAUL. Herald, 1992, 128p. $5.99, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 083613589X
226.609 PAUL
Incidents in Paul's life are described in letters to Luke from young people who encountered him.

Lashbrook, Marilyn. THE GREAT SHAKE-UP: MIRACLES IN PHILIPPI. (Me Too!) Rainbow Studies, 1998, unp. $6.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0933657846
226.609 PAUL
A funny lively story from Acts 6 in which Silas and Paul are imprisoned for casting an evil spirit from the slave girl and then freed from their chains during the night. Cartoon style.

JESUS

Birth

Allan, Nicholas. JESUS' CHRISTMAS PARTY. Illus. Author. Doubleday, 1997, 28p. $8.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8
ISBN: 0385325215
232.921. JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
Cute and peppy version of the baby's birth as seen from the point of view of the weary innkeeper trying to get some sleep while shepherds and kings knock on his door and brilliant starlight and angel song flood his bedroom. He finally marches around to the stable where he finds the joyful cause of all the commotion. The warmly witty text has clever cartoon ink and watercolor pictures.

Dotts, Maryann J. WHEN JESUS WAS BORN. Abingdon, 1996, 32p. $6.00, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0934386021
232.92 JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
This very simple story presents the Nativity story in terms comprehensible to very small children. Suggestions for expanded usage (discussion, plays) are given. Large, sketchy drawings.

Graham, Lorenz. EVERY MAN HEART LAY DOWN. Illus. Colleen Browning. Boyd Mills, 1993, 47p. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0934386021
232.92 JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
The Nativity story is told with moving simplicity in African storyteller's language. The illustrations have the bold vigor and stylized power of African masks.

Heyer, Carol. THE CHRISTMAS STORY. Illus. Author. Ideals, 1991, 32p. $12.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8
ISBN: 0824985125
232.92 JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
In this exceptional book, a clear, simple, accurate retelling of the Nativity events, ending with a summary of Jesus' life and importance to Christians, ties in Christmas celebrations nicely and is illustrated with powerfully beautiful and realistic deep-toned paintings.

Lindgren, Astrid. CHRISTMAS IN THE STABLE. Illus. Harald Wiberg. Econo-Clad, 1999, unp. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0613146328
232.92 JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
The Nativity as seen through the eyes of a little farm girl sitting on her mother's lap and hearing about Christmas. No divinity is mentioned, but peace and beauty pervade the text and paintings.

Maier, Paul. THE VERY FIRST CHRISTMAS. Concordia, 1998, 32p. $14.99, Hardcover, Ages 5-10.
ISBN: 0570050642
232.92 JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
Examines the Nativity story as the origin of Christmas, viewing it in both scriptural and secular contexts. Colorful dynamic illustrations.

Rogers, Jacqueline. THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT. Illus. Author. Grosset and Dunlap, 1989, 32p. $12.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN:0448401517
232.921 JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
The Christmas story is retold in a charming manner as multiethnic children prepare their school pageant. The vibrant realistic illustrations are filled with joy and humor. The words and music of familiar carols are included as they fit in with the text, which is a simple version of Scripture.

Storr, Catherine. THE BIRTH OF JESUS. Illus. Gavin Rowe. Raintree Steck-Vaughn, 1987, 32p. $10.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0817219773
226 JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
A straightforward, accurate account of the material from the annunciation through the return from Egypt. Omits the presentation at the Temple. The color pictures are done in a mature, meticulous style.

Trent, Robbie. THE FIRST CHRISTMAS. Illus. Marc Simont. Harperfestival, 1992, 24p. $6.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0694004235
232.92 JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
Well designed illustrations, simple but rhythmic and dramatic text are the core of this little book.

Trzeciak, Cathi. JESUS, THE VERY BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT OF ALL. Illus. Susan Stoehr Morris. Concordia, 1989, 24p. $7.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0570041384
232.92 JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
Short, clearstory of Jesus' birth is integrated with the custom of giving Christmas gifts by stressing that Jesus is God's gift to humankind. We celebrate this gift with songs, cards, decorations of angels and stars, gifts, and love. The pictures, done in a crayon texture, are very bright, busy and sentimentalized.

Vivas, Julie. THE NATIVITY. Illus. Author, Voyager Picture, 1994, unp. $6.00, Paperback, All ages.
ISBN: 0152001174
232.92 JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
Startling but delightful illustrations present a fresh interpre-

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tation of excerpts from the King James text. Sunny watercolors show Gabriel as a spiky-haired country bumpkin with moth eaten rainbow-colored wings; Mary as a peasant girl in scuffs, thrilled with her pregnancy; Joseph as an enthusiastic youth; and Jesus as an anatomically correct, plump, adorable infant. So much joy, good humor, and excitement radiate from the personalities depicted that the familiar event is recharged with meaning.

Wiersum, Beverly Rae. THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN. Illus. Lorraine Schreiner Wells. Ideals, 1989, unp. $3.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0824982541
232.92 JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
The Nativity is presented in verse form as an answer to why we give gifts at Christmastime.

Wijngaard, Juan. THE NATIVITY. Illus. Author, Candlewick, 1996, 29p. $5.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 1564029816
232.92. JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
An exceptionally beautiful format presents the traditional passages from the King James Version of Luke, Matthew, and Isaiah with formal, full page illustrations. Each muted but effectively dramatic and realistic painting is framed in a decorated arch and suffused with spiritual beauty.

Life

L'Engle, Madeleine. THE GLORIOUS IMPOSSIBLE. Paintings by Giotto. Simon & Schuster, 1990, 64p. $22.95, Hardcover, Ages 8 up.
ISBN: 0671686909
232.901 JESUS CHRIST—BIOGRAPHY / JESUS CHRIST—ART/GIOTTO
Illustrated with 24 full-page color reproductions of the Giotto frescoes in Padua's Scrovegni Chapel. The inspiring and thought-provoking text stresses the theme that "with God, nothing is impossible." A series of wise and joyous meditations on Jesus' life from the Annunciation through the Ascension stresses the events of Passion Week rather than the details of His ministry. The simple, vigorous style reads aloud very well.

Lloyd, Jeremy. THE WOODLAND GOSPELS: According to Captain Beaky and his Band. Illus. Graham Percy. Faber & Faber, 1990, 63p. $4.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0571142850
Fiction JESUS CHRIST—BIOGRAPHY
An owl and some of his gentle, quirky animal friends decide to spread the Gospel but are delayed by a rainstorm. While they are sheltering under an overturned boat, the owl tells about the life of
Jesus, giving his own explanatory comments. Large, peaceful pictures show plump, appealing animals.

Mayer, Marianna. YOUNG JESUS OF NAZARETH. Morrow Junior, 1999, 32p. $16.00, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0688167276
232.921 JESUS CHRIST
Stories of the life of Jesus from his birth, childhood and on to miracles he performed. Some material is drawn from Apocryphal writings. Pages are illustrated with works of art from Caravaggio, da Vinci and Tissot.

Nystrom, Carolyn. WHO IS JESUS? Moody, 1993, 30p. $6.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0802478565
232 JESUS CHRIST
This attempt to interpret Jesus as part of the triune God who enters the world as a human being is a mixture of the Gospels and later New Testament theology. The difficult concepts need additional explanation. Jesus' perfection, teaching mission, and sacrificial role are emphasized. Pictures with cartoon style figures are livened with sweeps of brilliant color.

Schraff, Francis. LEARNING ABOUT JESUS: Stories, Plays, Activities for Children. Liguori, 1980, 80p. $1.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0892431296
232.9 JESUS CHRIST
The life of Jesus retold in a direct and interesting way. Each episode is followed by a short playlet so that children can participate in Jesus' experiences and a related activity (banner, mobile, puzzle, recipe, etc.).

Schrage, Alice. BIRTH OF THE KING. Gospel Light, 1981, 118p. $3.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0934386021
232.95 JESUS CHRIST
Short stories of Jesus' youth (with his parents and family) and early ministry are told simply yet vividly. Includes a dictionary of terms.

Storr, Catherine. JESUS BEGINS HIS WORK. Illus. Chris Molan. Raintree Steck-Vaughn, 1987, 32p. $10.65, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0817219781
226 JESUS CHRIST
The visit to Jerusalem at age 12, the calling of the disciples, and the marriage at Cana are all described in simple language. Other miracles are mentioned very briefly. Has strong, realistic color pictures.

Stortz, Diane M. ZACCHEUS MEETS JESUS. Illus. Todd Fagan. Standard, 1996, 14p. $1.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0784705615
226.9505 JESUS CHRIST
Repetition and rhythm make the lively text excellent for very young children. Illustrations in clear, bright colors are cute.

Water, Mark. THE BIG BOOK ABOUT JESUS. Illus. Rhona Pipe. Thomas Nelson, 1996, 62p. $9.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0785278923
232.901 JESUS CHRIST

Colorful and lively illustrations tell of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Topically arranged.

Wildsmith, Brian. JESUS. Eerdmans, 2000, 32p. $20.00, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0802852122
232.901 JESUS CHRIST
Jesus' life is portrayed beginning with his birth, then as a youth in Nazareth, his baptism and temptation, followed by his teachings and miracles, and ending with his death on the cross, resurrection and ascension. Colorful stunning illustrations on each page framed in gold.

Miracles

dePaola, Tomie. THE MIRACLES OF JESUS. Holiday, 1987, 32p. $16.95, Hardcover, All ages.
ISBN: 0823406350
232.955 JESUS CHRIST—MIRACLES
Softly colored, highly decorative illustrations radiate spiritual awe and peace in this retelling of 13 miracles in clear prose.

Lashbrook, Marilyn. NOTHING TO FEAR: Jesus Walks On Water. (Me Too!) Rainbow Studies, 1998, unp. $6.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 093365782X
232.955 JESUS CHRIST—MIRACLES
Funny, lively cartoon style in easy-to-read form telling of Jesus calming the storm and walking on water. Scripture sources listed.

Richards, Jean. JESUS WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD. Baptist Sunday School Board, 1983, 31p. $5.95, Hardcover, Ages 6-12.
ISBN: 0805442898
232.955 JESUS CHRIST—MIRACLES
God's love and power are shown through Jesus' miracles of the healing of the blind man, the centurion's servant and the ten lepers; the calming of the storm; and the feeding of the five thousand. Basic text is highlighted by crisp two-color drawings.

Parables

Caswell, Helen. PARABLES OF JESUS: The Mustard Seed and Other Stories. Abingdon, 1998, 96p. $15.00, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0687056063
226.8 JESUS CHRIST—PARABLES
A simple retelling of four parables (Parable of the Lost Coin, Parable of the Mustard Seed, Parable of the Leaven, Parable of the Lost Sheep). Each line of text faces a full-page illustration drawn in soft watercolors.

dePaola, Tomie. THE PARABLES OF JESUS. Illus. Author. Holiday, 1987, 32p. $16.95, Hardcover, All ages.
ISBN: 0823406369
226.8 JESUS CHRIST—PARABLES
Seventeen of the best-known Parables are retold with crisp, accurate simplicity, although two (the sower and the seeds and the weeds in the wheat) need Jesus' explanation to make them understandable. Artistic, elegant full-page pictures in warm quiet colors help illuminate the stories.

Keane, Glen. ADAM RACCOON AND THE KING'S BIG DINNER. Illus. Author. Chariot Victor, 1997. 24p. $3.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0781400392
232.954 JESUS CHRIST—PARABLES
This very freely interpreted version has Adam Raccoon sent out by the lion king with dinner invitations only for animals that seem important and desirable. The very old turtle, the very young birds, and the unappealing skunk are ignored, until the invited guests declare they are too busy to come. The discussion questions, simple text, and jolly cartoon-style illustrations reinforce the message.

St. John, Patricia. STORIES THAT JESUS TOLD: The Parables Retold For Children. Morehouse, 1995, 56p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0819216445
226.8 JESUS CHRIST—PARABLES
Eighteen well-known parables, each with an introduction and a conclusion make for an easy to read form. Attractive illustrations.

Fiction and/or Folklore

Clanton, Bruce. IN SEASON AND OUT. Illus. Tom Shea. Resource, 1981, 84p. $6.95, Paperback, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0893900257
Fiction JESUS CHRIST—PARABLES
Religious allegories indexed by themes, seasons, images, rites, and Scriptures for flexible usage. Handsome black and white drawings.

Keidel, Eudene. AFRICAN FABLES: That Teach About God. Wipf & Stock, 1999, 94p. $14.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 1579102395
398.2 FOLKLORE—ZAIRE PARABLES
Twenty-one authentic talking animal stories from Zaire are a happy combination of African folklore and Christian object lessons. They are told with good humor and skill.

Keidel, Eudene. AFRICAN FABLES BOOK II: That Teach About God. Wipf & Stock, 1999, 114p. $12.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 1579102409
398.2 FOLKLORE—ZAIRE PARABLES
From each of these authentic folktales, mostly talking animals and very short, a brief spiritual message is drawn. Primitive style, black and white drawings.

Resurrection

Maier, Paul. THE VERY FIRST EASTER. Concordia, 2000, 32p. $14.99, Hardcover, Ages 5-10.
ISBN: 0570070538

232.97 JESUS CHRIST—RESURRECTION
Outstanding artwork. Story explains Christ's death and resurrection in easy to understand language.

Marshall, Martha. THE WONDERFUL SURPRISE. Illus. James Conaway. Chariot Victor, 1983, 32p. $5.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0896932141
232.9 JESUS CHRIST—RESURRECTION
Jesus emerges from the garden tomb, appears to the women, joins the men on the road to Emmaus, visits the disciples, and speaks to the five hundred. Written in simple vocabulary and short sentences suitable for beginning readers and illustrated with color pictures in a basic realistic technique.

Pienkowski, Jan. EASTER. Illus. Author, Knopf, 1992, 34p. $8.99, Hardcover, All ages.
ISBN: 067982670X
226.0520 JESUS CHRIST—RESURRECTION
Dazzling beauty and poignant emotion pervade this dramatic interpretation, as agitated black silhouettes twist on vividly-colored backgrounds. Jesus' slender, often hunched figure aches with human suffering. In contrast, decorative plants and trees highlighted in gleaming gold sweep across the pages and bring the promise of spring and renewed life. The sophistication of the illustrations and format is suited to older children and adults rather than the usual picture book audience.

Winthrop, Elizabeth. HE IS RISEN: The Easter Story. Illus. Charles Mikolaycak. Holiday, 1985, 30p. $16.95, Hardcover, All ages.
ISBN: 0823405478
232.9 JESUS CHRIST—RESURRECTION
An elegantly poetic modification of the King James test and splendid artwork redeem a somewhat confusing book. The resurrection promised in the title is never truly shown, as the risen Jesus appears as a white column with a golden stain, not a real body. The richly-colored, powerful, somber pictures can become overwhelming when depicting the bloody crucifixion.

Theology

Anderson, Debby. LET'S TALK ABOUT HEAVEN. Illus. Author. Chariot Victor, 1998, 32p. $12.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0781430771
236.24 HEAVEN
A simplistic view of heaven for young children depicts multi-ethnic, button-eyed tots enjoying many of their earthly activities, as well as meeting Bible personalities, rejoining loved relatives, playing with all kinds of animals, and being with Jesus. The text, with ample Scriptural citations, discusses "our forever home" in a cheerful, positive way, and the pictures are bright and busy.

Boritzer, Etan. WHAT IS GOD? Illus. Robbie Marantz. Firefly Books, 1990, 32p. $6.95. Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0929668887
291.211 GOD / RELIGIONS
A generic God, one who pervades everything and connects all of us to one another in love, is the answer given in this gentle, caring, totally ecumenical exposition, which recognizes all faiths as valid, urges prayer, praises universal ethics, and mentions many great religious teachers and holy books. Full-page, vivid, cartoon-style pictures reinforce the mood of childlike wonder about this mystery. The text is conversational and easily understood.

Fogle, Jeanne. SIGNS OF GOD'S LOVE: Baptism and Communion. Illus. Bea Weidner. Westminster John Knox, 1984, 32p. $11.00, Paperback, Ages 7 up.
ISBN: 0665246362
234.16 BAPTISM / SACRAMENTS / LORD'S SUPPER
Concepts that baptism is equated to God. The Lord's Supper reminds us that Jesus is always with us are clearly presented and can be interpreted further by the adult to suit each denomination. Handsome graphics in bright colors will appeal to young children.

Fogle, Jeanne. SYMBOLS OF GOD'S LOVE: Codes and Passwords. Westminster John Knox, 1986, 32p. $12.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 066424050X
246.55 CHRISTIAN ART AND SYMBOLISM
Only partly successful attempt to deal with "the drawings, letters, or pictures that help us understand something without using words" presents two pages of symbols with no explanation of them, mentions nothing about sin, sacrifice and atonement when describing the cross, and tends to be confusing. Some history is given. The colorful, lively one-dimensional pictures are attractive.

Hample, Stuart and Eric Marshall. CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO GOD. Illus. Tom Bloom. Workman, 1991, 96p. $7.95, Hardcover, All ages.
ISBN: 0894809997
816.5408 GOD / CHRISTIAN LIFE
A collection, reproduced in the children's own handwriting, of very short, innocent, hilarious, serious questions, comments, complaints, and appreciations directed to God from elementary-age boys and girls. Their thoughts are touching and very much to the point. Perky illustrations with crayon texture add to the humor. The format is small and neat.

Marxhausen, Joanne. 3 IN 1 (A PICTURE OF GOD). Illus. Benjamin Marxhausen. Concordia, 1984, 48p. $4.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0570077907
231 GOD / TRINITY
Bold, handsome design and bright colors enhance this dramatic interpretation of the Trinity. Themes include God's love, reconciliation, redemption, faith, and the fruits of the spirit.

Mueller, Virginia. WHAT IS FAITH? Illus. Kathryn Hutton. Standard, 1995, 23p. $1.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0784702659
234.2 FAITH
Concrete concepts such as believing that a seed will become a flower, a caterpillar a butterfly, and an egg a bird help the child understand. Faith is defined as looking for God and His love in nature and family. Pictures show apple-cheeked tots in familiar settings.

Nystrom, Carolyn. ANGELS AND ME. Illus. Wayne A. Hanna. Moody, 1994, unp. $4.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN:0802478638
235.3 ANGELS
The creation, purpose, strength, and wisdom of angels are freely interpreted, and God's dominance over them is stressed throughout. A little boy in overalls and human-looking angels appear in bright cartoon illustrations.

Nystrom, Carolyn. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ME. Illus. Eira Reeves. Moody, 1993, 30p. $6.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0802478581
231.3 HOLY SPIRIT
With concepts on a young child's level, the ways in which the Holy Spirit operates in the life of a little boy are told. The inspiration of those who wrote the Bible, the disciples at Pentecost, and the Fruits of the Spirit are also mentioned. The simple pictures are in vivid color.

Nystrom, Carolyn. JESUS IS NO SECRET. Illus. Eira Reeves. Moody, 1994, 24p. $6.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0802478654
266 MISSIONS / EVANGELISTIC WORK / JESUS CHRIST
The problems Christians have trying to share their faith are simply told from a little boy's viewpoint, from the early days of the church through the missionaries of today, and are shown in basic, color splashed illustrations.

Nystrom, Carolyn. WHY DO I DO THINGS WRONG? Moody, 1994, 24p. $6.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 080247862X
241.3 SIN
The origin of sin with Adam and Eve, the forgiveness of sin through Jesus, and the operation of Satan in the world are explained and appropriate Scripture references given. Examples of sin in the everyday life of a little boy are mentioned. Cartoon -style illustrations have big blocks of color.

Schoolland, Marian M. LEADING LITTLE ONES TO GOD. Illus. Paul Stoub. Eerdmans, 1995, 173p. $18.00, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0802851207
230 CHRISTIANITY
Basic theology for young children about God the father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, sin, prayer, righteous living, the sacraments, and eschatology, use many examples from Scripture. Associated memory verses, Bible readings, discussion questions, hymns, and prayers for each selection.

Taliaferro, Margaret. DO YOU EVER HAVE QUESTIONS LIKE THESE? Dimensions, 1991, 206p. $7.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0961873019
230 CHRISTIANITY
Answers to questions about the usefulness of prayer, the reason for the devil, why turn the other cheek, etc. are serious, thoughtful, and clearly presented. Hand printed text and stick figure illustrations.

GOD

Bea, Holly. GOOD NIGHT GOD. Illus. Kim Howard. HJ Kramer, 2000, 32p. $14.00, Hardcover, Ages 2-4.
ISBN: 0915811847
Fiction GOD
During a long walk in autumn, a young boy says good night to all his favorite friends—birds, sun, sky, squirrels, moon, and his angel who watches over him. As he approaches bedtime, he says an emotional "thank you God, for all you do." Vivid illustrations with jewel-tone paintings. Good bedtime story for small children.

Bea, Holly. MY SPIRITUAL ALPHABET BOOK. Illus. Kim Howard. HJ Kramer, 2000, 32p. $14.00, Hardcover, Ages 2-6.
ISBN: 0915811839
231 GOD / CONDUCT OF LIFE / SELF-ESTEEM
A unique way to introduce children to spiritual concepts by using the alphabet (i.e., "B is for Believing—In the things I cannot see.") Illustrations shows a whimsical young girl waiting patiently for her garden vegetables to grow). Emphasis is on God's creatures and the environment. Lively and warm illustrations.

Bea, Holly. WHERE DOES GOD LIVE? Illus. Kim Howard. HJ Kramer, 1997, 32p. $14.00, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0915811731
231 GOD
An inquisitive young girl named Hope spends most of her time asking questions. Her most important question—Where does God live? It is her loving grandmother who answers the question from her lifetime of faith and deep understanding of God. Delightful, colorful illustrations.

Fitch, Florence Mary. A BOOK ABOUT GOD. Illus. Henri Sorensen. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1999, 24p. $16.00, Hardcover, Ages 4-up.
ISBN: 0688161286
211 GOD
A poetic text is matched by the quiet elegance of the illustrations as God is compared to the sky, sun, air, rain, mountains, sea, and stars. All faiths. Reprinted and newly illustrated, this favorite is eloquent and simply expressed.

Nystrom, Carolyn. WHO IS GOD? Illus. Eira Reeves. Moody, 1993, 30p. $6.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0802478573

231 GOD
A young child's questions about God's appearance, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, perfection, holiness, and justice are answered in terms of his familiar experiences. The text and simply-drawn, colorful pictures center on a little boy and his family.

Sasso, Sandy Eisenberg. GOD'S PAINTBRUSH. Illus. Annette Compton. Jewish Lights, 1992, unp. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 1879045222
231 GOD
Rabbi Sasso invites children and their families to color the world with God's paintbrush in this interactive book that asks questions about God that are relevant to children's lives. Along with the text, the watercolor illustrations are bright, imaginative and creative.

Sasso, Sandy Eisenberg. IN GOD'S NAME. Illus. Phoebe Stone. Jewish Lights, 1994, 32p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 1879045265
231 GOD
A simple, poetic story of the people of the world looking for God's name. Primitive-type, bold paintings captivate and add to the spirituality.

Walters, Julie. GOD IS LIKE: Three Parables for Little Children. Illus. Thea Kliros. Waterbrook, 2000, 96p. $12.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 1578562465
231 GOD / TRINITY
A small boy plays around a large rock, enjoys its unchanging strength, and thinks of God the Father; camps out in the woods, enjoys the warmth and brilliance of the firelight and the sun and thinks of God the Son; enjoys the invisible power of the wind and thinks of God the Holy Spirit. Simple creative drawings.

Wells, Rosemary. FOREST OF DREAMS. Illus. Susan Jeffers. Dial, 1988, 18p. $13.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0803705697
231.1 NATURE / GOD
This charming poem in which a child praises God for eyes, hands, strength, ears, touch and smell, all of which help her savor the excitement and beauty of nature, is magnificently illustrated with double page paintings emphasizing the grace of trees, the brilliance of butterflies, and the appeal of wild nimals and birds.

Wood, Douglas. OLD TURTLE. Illus. Cheng-Khee Chee. Pfeifer-Hamilton, 1992, 24p. $17.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0938586483
231.1 GOD / CREATION
Exquisitely-illustrated modern fable in which each of God's various creations—animals, rocks, winds, waters, sky, birds, trees, fish—likens God to some lovely aspect of itself. They argue loudly until an ancient turtle points out that God embodies not just one but also all of these characteristics. Unfortunately, man, God's mightiest creation, turns to quarreling, pillage, and destruction of the earth but finally repents and brings smiles to the faces of God and Old Turtle at last. The misty watercolors enhance a beautifully written text.

DEATH

Barker, Peggy. WHAT HAPPENED WHEN GRANDMA DIED? Illus. Patricia Mattozzi. Concordia, 1989, 28p. $6.99, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0570040906
236.1 DEATH
Gentle, reassuring story tells how at death grandma left her old body, house, and life to receive new ones in heaven. Ethereal, softly-colored pictures and black and white drawings show the grandmother alive with her grandchildren and the events of the funeral.

Maple, Marilyn. ON THE WINGS OF A BUTTERFLY: A Story About Life and Death. Illus. Sandy Haight. Parenting Press, 1992, 32p. $18.95, Hardcover, All ages.
ISBN: 0943990696
Fiction DEATH
This tender, straightforward account of Lisa, a little girl with cancer, and her friend Sonya, a talking Monarch butterfly caterpillar, is suitable for any religion believing in an afterlife. The insect undergoes metamorphosis and transforms into a beautiful butterfly, the symbol of hope and resurrection, as Lisa, too, leaves her earthbound body and soars into the heavens after her death. This excellent discussion-starter for addressing terminal illness, death, and life after death has helpful notes and lovely warm-toned watercolors.

Wood, Douglas. GRANDAD'S PRAYERS OF THE EARTH. Candlewick, 1999, 32p. $16.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 076360660X
242.82 PRAYER / DEATH
Grandad explains to a young boy that all living things can pray—trees, rocks, streams, flowers, birds in some way. After Grandad dies, he gives thanks for the life of his grandfather, feeling that he is close and the world seems right again. Beautiful, meditative, realistic watercolors enhance the illustrations.

DEVOTIONAL

Prayer

Brooks, Sandra. I CAN PRAY TO GOD. Illus. Shirley Beegle. Standard, 1994, unp. $2.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0784702586
248.32 PRAYER
The importance of hands in work, play, and prayer is demonstrated by a little girl who counts off on her fingers the important things to pray for: her family and friends, her preacher and teachers, the President and government, the sick and unhappy and herself. Pleasant color pictures show children in daily activities.

Brown, Susan Taylor. CAN I PRAY WITH MY EYES OPEN? Illus. Garin Baker. Hyperion, 1999, unp. $15.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0786803282
291.43 PRAYER
Non-denominational picture book with rhyming text touches on the many questions a young child may ask about praying. Good for discussion between parent and child on prayer. Realistic oil paintings in rich colors.

Groth, Jeanette L. PRAYER: Learning How to Talk to God. Illus. Jan Brett. Concordia, 1983, 24p. $4.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0570077990
248.32 PRAYER
Comprehensive overview includes types of prayers—praise, thanksgiving, guidance—and how and when to pray. Illustrated with skillful black and white drawings.

Nystrom, Carolyn. WHAT IS PRAYER? Illus. Eira Reeves. Moody, 1993, 30p. $6.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 080247859X
248.32 PRAYER
Interpretation of the many aspects of prayer includes Scripture references. Themes are: all prayers are heard; many are answered; sin is forgiven. Also has a rule for praying, the Lord's Prayer, and examples for child's everyday life, and is also illustrated with colorful cartoons.

Prayers

Alexander, Martha. POEMS AND PRAYERS FOR THE VERY YOUNG. Random House, 1973, unp. $3.25. Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0394827058
242.82 PRAYERS
Graces, little prayers, and poems celebrating Nature — many by well-known poets—create a mood of gentle happiness and reverence.

Baynes, Pauline [Selector] THANKS BE TO GOD: Prayers From Around the World. Illus. Author. Macmillan, 1990, 24p. $9.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-6.
ISBN: 0027085414
291.43 PRAYERS
This collection of 35 well chosen prayers from 13 countries and cultures is suitable for any monotheistic, ethical religion. Selections are Moslem, Hebrew, African, Japanese, English, Polish, Italian, German, Spanish, and French. Sumptuous illustrations are delicately detailed and glow with rich colors and fantasias of flowers and animals.

Field, Rachel. PRAYER FOR A CHILD. Econo-Clad, 1999, 30p. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0808523651
242.62 PRAYERS
A little girl asks blessing on the homey things so dear to a child. (1945 Caldecott Winner)

Jahsmann, Allan. LITTLE FOLDED HANDS: Prayers for Children. Concordia, 1959, 48p. $3.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0570034167
242.82 PRAYERS
A sizable collection of short prayers for morning, evening, table graces, illness, school, church, and a variety of other subjects. Many are familiar classics. Excellent for family devotions.

Lach, William [Editor]. I IMAGINE ANGELS. Metropolitan Museum of Art, Atheneum, 2000, 48p. $16.00, Hardcover, All ages.
ISBN: 0689840802
808.819 RELIGIOUS POETRY / PRAYERS
A presentation of classic psalms, prayers, sonnets, and songs from around the world. Nondenominational. The artwork has been collected from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Twenty-two glorious paintings, prints, and sculptures are ideal for all ages.

Miller, Calvin. WHEN THE AARDVARK PARKED ON THE ARK: and other poems. Illus. Marc Hamilton. Word, 1995, 185p. $13.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0849936993
811.54 BIBLE STORIES / CHILDREN'S POETRY
Stories from the Bible and themes about animals and children are the subject matter for poetry. Examples are: Jonah prays for the great fish to burp; Daniel prays the kitties will get lockjaw; and Mrs. Rat prays for brotherhood with her enemy, the hawk. Some of the verses are funny, some cautionary, and some too contrived. Includes black and white cartoons and index.

Royds, Caroline [Compiler]. PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN. Illus. Inga Moore. Doubleday, 1989, 58p. $12.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 038524651X
242.82 PRAYER BOOKS AND DEVOTIONS
Divided rather arbitrarily into prayers for morning, family, community, the world, times of distress, and evening, this extensive, well-chosen collection includes many familiar prayers. Selections are both short and simple and longer and more sophisticated. The emphasis is Christian, and the range is appropriate for the entire family. The colored pencil illustrations of children throughout the world have a strength and realism, muted by soft colors, to enhance the meditative mood.

Tudor, Tasha [Translator] FIRST GRACES. Random, 1989, 47p. $10.00, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0394844092
242.82. PRAYER BOOKS AND DEVOTIONS
First published in 1955, this small gem, perfect for little hands, has 21 short devotions from a number of sources. Some are directed to specific occasions such as July Fourth, Christmas, and United Nations Day. Each is daintily illustrated in color or black and white with old-fashioned children in rural settings.

Tudor, Tasha. FIRST PRAYERS. Illus. Author. Random House, 1999, 32p. $6.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0679887865
242.82 PRAYERS
This tiny book (the kind little children love) of traditional short prayers, graces, and hymns is exquisitely illustrated.

Tudor, Tasha. GIVE US THIS DAY: The Lord's Prayer. Philomel, 1987, 28p. $12.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0399214429
226.96 LORD'S PRAYER
The Book of Common Prayer text is exquisitely illustrated in delicate, glowing watercolors of charming children, appealing woodland creatures, mischievous dogs and cats, and flowery landscapes against a rural Victorian New England background. Exception is shocking mushroom cloud above a blasted landscape for "deliver us from evil."

Tudor, Tasha. MORE PRAYERS. Illus. Author. Random House, 2000, 32p. $6.99, Hardcover, All ages.
ISBN: 0375803262
242.82 PRAYERS
Short prayers and passages from the Psalms illustrated with delicate charm. Small size is perfect for little hands.

Wilkes, Paul. MY BOOK OF BEDTIME PRAYERS. Illus. Sandra S. Shields. Augsburg, 1992, 10p. $15.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0806625929
242.82 PRAYERS
Grateful thoughts about God's love as shown in sunshine, rain, wind, the moon and stars, flowers, food, the seasons, parents, and other aspects of life familiar to a small child are expressed in gentle, conversational prayers framed with softly colored, appealing illustrations.

Wilkin, Esther. THE GOLDEN TREASURY OF PRAYERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. Illus. Eloise Wilkin. Golden Press, 1999, 48p. $12.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0307102211
242.82 PRAYERS
Short prayers, blessings, and graces from various religions presented in an attractive, decorative format picturing children all over the world.

Devotions

Aaseng, Nate. I'M LEARNING LORD, BUT I STILL NEED HELP: Story Devotions for Boys. Illus. Judy Swanson. Augsburg Fortress, 1981, 110p. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0806618884
242.62 DEVOTIONS
Concise object lessons in story form deal with fighting, doubting God, envy, showing off, lying, and other behavior problems. Scripture quote and brief prayer reinforce each moral.

Coleman, William. LISTEN TO THE ANIMALS: Devotionals for Families with Young Children. Illus. Chris Wold. Bethany House, 1981, 128p. $6.95, Paperback, Ages 7-12.
ISBN: 087123341X
242.62 DEVOTIONS
Fascinating capsule descriptions of various animals, birds, and insects are associated with moral truths and followed by Biblical quotations and review questions.

Decker, Marjorie Ainsborough. THE CHRISTIAN MOTHER GOOSE BIG BOOK. Illus. author and Glenna Fae Hammond. World Bible, 1992, 304p. $17.99, Hardcover, All ages.
ISBN: 0529073153
242.82 NURSERY RHYMES / BIBLE—POETRY
This overly long collection of both religious poems and religious paraphrases of familiar nursery rhymes has a sentimental and sugary tone. The pictures are plentiful but undistinguished.

Everett, Betty Steele. I WANT TO BE LIKE YOU, LORD: Bible Devotions for Girls. Augsburg, 1984, 110p. $6.99, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0806621125
242.833 PRAYER BOOKS AND DEVOTIONS
Each of the 20 devotions stresses a positive quality demonstrated by Jesus and important to Christian living and consists of a Bible verse, an associated Bible situation, a brief object lesson related to a child's everyday experiences, suggestions for action, and a prayer.

Jahsmann, Allan Hart. LITTLE VISITS WITH GOD. Illus. Frances Hook. Concordia, 1997, 304p. $9.99, Hardcover, Ages 7-10.
ISBN: 0570058090
242.62 PRAYERS
This classic has been updated to nurture the faith of children and sow seeds that enrich their lives. These devotions help children learn about God. Contains an index with scriptural references.

Richards, Jean. WE CAN SHARE GOD'S LOVE. Judson, 1984, 79p. $4.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0817010106
242.62 PRAYER BOOKS AND DEVOTIONS
Handling grief, being helpful and understanding, appreciating the natural world, and enjoying all kinds of people are some of the themes of brief, earnest object lessons in story form. Each has a prayer and Scripture quotation and is indexed by topic and Bible verse. Includes simple drawings.

Sorenson, Stephen. GROWING UP ISN'T EASY, LORD: Story Devotions for Boys. Augsburg Fortress, 1979, 111p. $6.99, Paperback, Ages 7-12.
ISBN: 0806617136
242.62 DEVOTIONS
Short stories neatly illustrate peer pressure, handicaps, stepparents, responsibility for others, and further problems children often face.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Barrett, William E. THE LILIES OF THE FIELD. Econo-Clad, 1999, 92p. $14.95, Hardcover, All ages.
ISBN: 0808514334
Fiction CHRISTIAN LIFE
Homer Smith, a young black man recently discharged from the Army, is touring the West in an old station wagon. He spies four German-speaking nuns hard at work on a small farm and stops to help them. In no time the Mother Superior has Homer, a devout Baptist, building them a Catholic chapel and creating a legend.

Boddy, Marlys. ABC BOOK OF FEELINGS. Concordia, 1991, unp. $8.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0570041902
248.82 CHRISTIAN LIFE
From Afraid through Zany, cute, colorful mice children experience a wide and normal range of emotions in big, bright illustrations, which show the mice children in human activities. The emphasis is on the importance and universality of emotions and how God accepts, supports, and forgives the mice children.

Gambill, Henrietta. SELF CONTROL. Child's World, 1997, 31p. $18.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 1567662986
241.4 CHRISTIAN LIFE
Appealing pictures show a round-faced little black boy showing self-control as he waits his turn, keep his temper, is quiet in church, etc. He asks God's help in deciding what to do.

Meyer, Mary Clemens. WALKING WITH JESUS: Stories About Real People Who Return Good For Evil. Illus. Harriet Miller. Herald, 1992, 88p. $13.99, Paperback. Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0836135741
241.697 PEACE / LOVE / CHRISTIAN LIFE
Strong themes of peacemaking and Christian love permeate true life anecdotes, many dealing with Mennonites. Most of the stories take place in the twentieth century and prove that everyday generosity, kindness, and forbearance often exercise a redeeming effect on others. The sections are short and easy to read and the illustrations are simple.

Nystrom, Carolyn. GROWING JESUS' WAY. Illus. Wayne A. Hanna. Moody, 1994, 30p. $6.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0802478603
248.82 CHRISTIAN LIFE
A little boy acts like Jesus by helping a blind girl, sharing his lunch, resisting temptation, etc. He is shown in blocky, bright pictures.

Nystrom, Carolyn. WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN? Illus. Wayne A. Hanna. Moody, 1992, 29p. $6.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0802478549
248.82 CHRISTIAN LIFE
Following Jesus includes caring for others, appreciating God's creation, listening carefully to Bible stories, obeying parents, etc. Simple pictures in primary colors show a little boy in everyday situations.

Thomas, Joan Gale. IF JESUS CAME TO MY HOUSE. Lothrop, Lee, & Shepard, 1985, 20p. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0688409814
Fiction CHRISTIAN LIFE
A little boy imagines he has the child Jesus for a playmate. He decides to treat others as he would have treated Jesus, with kindness and generosity. Verse form. Winsome drawings.

CHURCH

Hogan, Bernice. THE CHURCH IS A WHO. Illus. John Steiger. Chalice, 1986, 31p. $11.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0827204426
250 CHURCH
The church is not just a collection of visible objects. It is all its members wherever they are and whatever they do.

Weiss, Ann E. GOD AND GOVERNMENT: The Separation of Church and State. Econo-Clad, 1999, 122p. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0833559559
322.1 CHURCH AND STATE
This clear, informative, meticulous presentation of the problems involved in guaranteeing religious freedom in the United States discusses all aspects of the topics.

Church Buildings

Macaulay, David. CATHEDRAL: The Story of its Construction. Illus. Author. Houghton Mifflin, 1973, 80p. $18.00, Hardcover, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0395175135
726.5 CHURCH BUILDINGS
The essence of a medieval cathedral is conveyed through meticulous pen and ink drawings of every stage of its construction in the imaginary French city of Chutreaux.

Watson, Percy. BUILDING THE MEDIEVAL CATHEDRALS. Cambridge University, 1976, 51p. $13.95, Paperback, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0521087112
726.5 CHURCH BUILDINGS
Concentrates on the evolution, construction methods, types of workmen, and problems of the great English Norman structures of the 11th and 12th centuries. Many black and white drawings, maps, photographs.

People

Cruz, Nicky. RUN BABY RUN. Logos, 1988, 240p. $10.99, Paperback, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0882706306
B EVANGELISTIC WORK
A somewhat sensationalized and gory but convincing true story deals with one of David Wilkerson's best known converts. A Puerto Rican Brooklyn street gang leader becomes an evangelistic vessel for the power of Christian love. The Pentecostal type of religious experience is stressed.

dePaola, Tomie. CHRISTOPHER: The Holy Giant. Holiday House, 1994, 32p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 5-9.
ISBN: 0823408620
B CHRISTOPHER
Picture book retelling of the legend of St. Christopher. The artwork is done with a focus on each member of the story in simple dignified pictures.

Gonzalez-Balado, Jose Luis. MOTHER TERESA: In My Own Words. Liguori, 1997, 128p. $8.00, Paperback, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0764802003
266 MOTHER TERESA
A short overview of the work of the saintly and remarkable Mother Teresa, her missionary sisters and brothers, her lay coworkers, and her sick and suffering coworkers in serving the poor of all faiths.

Gray, Charlotte. MOTHER TERESA. Morehouse, 1990, 68p. $7.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0819215236
271.97 MOTHER TERESA
Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and dauntless caregiver to the poor of Calcutta, Mother Teresa embodies the highest principles of dedicated Christian love, and this account of her life is very well told. The power of love to change the world shines through. Included are a reading list, glossary, chronology, index, maps and many black and white and color photographs.

Jenkins, Peter. A WALK ACROSS AMERICA. Crest, 1989, 320p. $6.99, Paperback, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0449204553
B CHRISTIAN LIFE
A true, exciting saga of a confused and rootless young man, disillusioned with the United States, who sets out on foot to learn firsthand about America's land and people. His maturing experiences lead him to accept Christ.

Lehn, Cornelia. PEACE BE WITH YOU. Faith & Life, 1981, 126p. $12.95, Hardcover, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0873030613
922 PEACE / MENNONITES
Briefly told incidents from the lives of peace lovers from the First Century, A.D. to the present; include many Mennonites, but also include Servitor, St. Patrick, Jane Addams, Martin Luther King, Jr. and others.

Mattern, Joanne. YOUNG MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.: I Have A Dream. Illus. Allan Eitzen. Troll, 1992, 32p. $3.50, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0816725454
B MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
A brief biography of the Baptist minister whose practice of nonviolent civil disobedience helped American blacks win many battles for equal rights. Simply told.

Vernon, Louise A. THE BEGGARS' BIBLE. Illus. Jeanie McCoy, Herald, 1971, 136p. $6.99, Paperback, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0836117328
Fiction WYCLIFFE, JOHN / BIBLE—HISTORY
A 13-year-old serf, inspired to seek an education and to follow 14th century Oxford scholar John Wycliffe and his impassioned pleas for church reform, is determined to bring the Scripture to the common man.

Vernon, Louise A. THE BIBLE SMUGGLER. Illus. Roger Hane. Herald, 1967, 144p. $6.99, Paperback, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0836115570
Fiction TYNDALE, WILLIAM / BIBLE—HISTORY
William Tyndale's determined struggle to translate the Bible into English in spite of strong opposition from Cardinal Wolsey. Told from the viewpoint of Collin, his 10-year-old assistant.

Vernon, Louise A. A HEART STRANGELY WARMED: The Life of John Wesley. Greenleaf, 1994, 125p. $9.95, Hardcover, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 1882514149
Fiction WESLEY, JOHN / METHODISM
Through the influence of John Wesley's unorthodox, dynamic, courageous personality and preaching of plain truth to plain people, a peddler boy eventually discovers God's will for his life.

White, Florence Meiman. THE STORY OF JUNIPERO SERRA, BRAVE ADVENTURER. Illus. Stephen Marchesi. Gareth Stevens, 1996, 86p. $22.95, Hardcover, Ages 8-12.
ISBN: 0836814606
B MISSIONARIES
The diminutive but indomitable Franciscan Spanish monk who founded nine of California's 18th century missions led an exemplary life of Christian love and service to the Indians, whom he tried—not always successfully—to convert to the Catholic faith while improving their earthly lives as well. Serious black and white illustrations.

Winner, David. DESMOND TUTU. Morehouse, 1997, 68p. $13.95, Paperback, Ages 10 up.
ISBN: 0819215422
283.0924 TUTU, DESMOND/BLACKS—BIOGRAPHY
Although more an angry and emotional denunciation of apartheid in South Africa than a biography of Archbishop Tutu, the religious leader's untiring efforts to bring peace and freedom to his native land are central to the book. The events of his life through 1988 are woven into the history of

oppression, and his radiant spirituality is stressed. Includes black and white and color photographs, chronology, glossary, list of organizations, and bibliography suitable for older children and adults.

Saints

Dana, Barbara. YOUNG JOAN. HarperTrophy, 1997, 352p. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 9-up.
ISBN: 006440661X
Fiction JOAN OF ARC
Richly imagined first-person narrative of Joan's early years stresses her strong faith in God, her loving devotion to family, friends, and animals, and her courage. When the Saints shatter her quiet rural life by appearing to her with their messages of restoring the kingdom of France to the Dauphin, she is puzzled and overwhelmed but obedient. Joan's characterization successfully integrates her ordinary youthful feelings with her intensely spiritual nature. The writing style is slightly stilted but lively and readable.

dePaola, Tomie. FRANCIS:The Poor Man of Assisi. Illus. Author. Holiday House, 1982, 48p. $18.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
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Reverent, simple retelling of selected incidents from the lives of St. Francis and St. Claire.

dePaola, Tomie. THE LADY OF GUADALUPE. Illus. Author. Holiday House, 1988, 48p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
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232.91 MARY—LEGENDS
In 1531 the Virgin Mary appeared on Tepeyac hill to a Christian Indian farmer, Juan Diego. The story of the patron saint of Mexico is told with simple sweetness and greatly enhanced by the handsome illustrations.

dePaola, Tomie. PATRICK: Patron Saint of Ireland. Illus. Author. Holiday, 1992, 32p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0823409244
270.2092 OR B. PATRICK, ST.
From the young Patrick's capture and sale as a slave in Ireland through his escape to Britain, later return to Ireland as a missionary bishop, and always-dangerous travels to perform good works, his story is told in clear, simple prose and harmoniously illustrated with stylized charm. Many of the myths associated with the saint's life are included.

Hodges, Margaret. BROTHER FRANCIS AND THE FRIENDLY BEASTS. Illus. Ted Lewin. Scribner, 1991, 30p. $13.95, Hardcover, All ages.
ISBN: 0684191733
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Sweet, poetic text tells the saints' life: his childhood as a pampered son of a rich merchant, his rejection of materialism, his choice of poverty and service to others, his inspiration for the first crèche in Greccio, and his glorious "Canticle of the Sun." The most important theme, however, is his deep love of animals and theirs of him. Powerful, realistic watercolors.

Hodges, Margaret. SAINT GEORGE AND THE DRAGON. Econo-Clad, 1999, 32p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0833561138
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Beautifully designed, elegantly illustrated winner of the 1985 Caldecott Medal tells of George, the Red Cross Knight, who slays the dragon that has been wasting the kingdom of Lady Una. Adapted from Spenser's FAERIE QUEEN.

Sabuda, Robert. SAINT VALENTINE. Illus. Author. Simon & Schuster, 1999, 32p. $5.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0689824297
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Valentine, a humble physician and herbalist, was one of a small band of persecuted Christians living in ancient Rome. He treated everyone regardless of ability to pay and prayed fervently for all his patients. He was executed nevertheless on February 14, A.D. 270. The simply written text has mosaic style strong, flat pictures and an explanatory note on Valentines Day.

Tompert, Ann. SAINT PATRICK. Illus. Michael Garland, Boyds Mills, 1999, 32p. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 1563976595
B ST. PATRICK
A simply told factual picture book of the life of the patron saint of Ireland. Large colorful illustrations.

WORSHIP/DENOMINATIONS

Bacon, Margaret H. THE QUIET REBELS: The Story of the Quakers in America. Pendle Hills, 2000, 240p. $12.00, Paperback, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0875749356
289.6 SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
Interesting history of the American Society of Friends details the incredible prejudices against Quakers which had to be overcome, the evolution of various strains of Quakerism, and the common principles of the austere faith.

DeAngeli, Marguerite. THEE, HANNAH! Illus. Author. Herald, 2000, 112p. $15.99, Hardcover, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0836191064
Fiction SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
A lovely testimony to the Quaker way of living and thinking, the story concerns a large, lively family of Friends in Philadelphia during the days of the Underground Railway. Hannah is the winningly impulsive nine-year-old heroine. Religious customs are described throughout.

Eitzen, Ruth. THE WHITE FEATHER. Illus. Allan Eitzen. Herald, 1995, 64p. $9.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0836190254

Fiction SOCIETY OF FRIENDS / INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA
Sweet and satisfying story based on a true experience of a Quaker family in 1812 Ohio tells of steadfast friendship between pioneer farmer and Shawnee Indians. A white feather, which indicates the family is peaceful, is placed above their doorway by an Indian chief to protect them, in exchange for their kindness. Has sturdy format and crisply drawn, attractive illustrations.

Grimmes, Nikki. COME SUNDAY. Eerdmans, 1996, unp. $15.00, Hardcover, Ages 5-8.
ISBN: 0802851088
264 WORSHIP—AFRICAN AMERICANS
A young girl dressed in her very best clothes goes to the Paradise Baptist Church for worship. Everything is seen through the eyes of this child's point of view. Big bold paintings depict the congregation with great spirit.

Nelson, Gertrude. A WALK THROUGH OUR CHURCH. Paulist, 1998, 64p. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 6-11.
ISBN: 0809166488
264 WORSHIP—CATHOLIC CHURCH
A young brother and sister describe what they see as they stroll through an empty church. Each portion of text includes part of a psalm to make their walking become a living prayer. Full bold illustrations.

Polacco, Patricia. JUST PLAIN FANCY. Illus. Author. Econo-Clad, 1999, 28p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12
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Fiction AMISH
Yearning for something fancy in her plain Amish life, Naomi finds an egg by the roadside, which hatches into something wonderfully showy. Frightened that she will be shunned for having such a beautiful pet, she tries to hide him from the grownups. A sweet story reaffirms the wonder of God's creation and appreciates the Amish way of life. The large, appealing pictures are active and expressive.

Sorensen, Virginia. PLAIN GIRL. Illus. Charles Geer. Econo-Clad, 1999, 151p. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 083351749X
Fiction MENNONITES
Ten-year-old Amish Esther must attend public school and there learns to enjoy the friendship of non-Amish Mary without jeopardizing her religious beliefs.

Smucker, Barbara. AMISH ADVENTURE. Penguin, 1983, 144p. $6.50, Paperback, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0140317023
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Rather contrived plot about a boy who is befriended by an Amish family after he is involved in an accident in Canada is redeemed by interesting, carefully researched, and warmly presented details of Amish life and a pictorial, fast-paced writing style. Includes notes and bibliography.

West, Jessamyn. THE FRIENDLY PERSUASION. Econo-Clad, 1999, 214p. $19.95, Hardcover, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0785795987
Fiction SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
Heartwarming accounts of the Quaker Birdwell family steadfast in their beliefs but human enough to enjoy an "unQuaker" Christmas tree or horse race, tell of the joy and sorrow of 18th-century farm life in Pennsylvania and Indiana.

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Kalman, Bobbie. INDIA: THE CULTURE (The Lands, Peoples, and Culture Series). Crabtree, 1990, 32p. $22.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0865052123
954 INDIA—SOCIAL LIFE AND CUSTOMS
Brilliant color photographs, a large format, and many short sections of information make this overall view of Indian culture, which includes Islam, Sikhism, Buddhism, and Christianity, as well as the predominant Hinduism, very appealing. Festivals and wedding ceremonies are included. Index, glossary.

Meredith, Susan. THE USBORNE BOOK OF WORLD RELIGIONS. Illus. Nicolar Hewetson. Educational Development Corporation, 2000, 64p. $9.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0746017502
291 RELIGIONS
Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and Sikhism are included. Shows a map of the religions of different parts of the world. Time chart of religions, religious sayings and a glossary are included. Colorful sketching and photographs.

Stack, Peggy. A WORLD OF FAITH. Signature Books, 1998, 64p. $19.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 1560851163
291 RELIGIONS
Twenty-eight world religions are discussed which include the origin of each faith and its traditions. Creeds are not included. An illustration coincides with each religion.

Ward, Hiley. MY FRIEND'S BELIEFS. Walker, 1991, 183p. $12.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0802773761
291 RELIGIONS
"Visit" 20 religious groups around the U.S. and learn of their history, beliefs, practices and everyday life. Black and white photos, appendix, maps and index.

Wolcott, Leonard and Carolyn. THROUGH THE MOONGATE. Friendship, 1978, 36p. $4.00, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
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951 CHINA—HISTORY / RELIGIONS
Brief descriptions of the philosophy of Confucius, Mo, Lao, Taoism, Buddhism, and other religious influences in China

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B DALAI LAMA
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Erricker, Clive, and Jane Erricker. BUDDHIST FESTIVALS. Heineman Library, 1997, 48p. $22.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0431069654
294.3 BUDDHISM
An introduction to Buddhist festivals including Theravada, Wesak, Kathina, Dharma, Higan in Japan, and Asala Days in Sri Lanka. Informative on Bhikkus or Mayanha monks.

Kalman, Bobbie, TIBET. The Lands, Peoples and Cultures Series. Crabtree, 1990, 32p. $7.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 086505293X
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Photographs of peoples and objects depict the daily life of Tibet, the home of Lamiast Buddhism. A glossary and index are included.

Zerner, Amy. ZEN ABC. Illus. Charles Tuttle and Amy Zerner, 1993, 32p. $14.94, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0804818061
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Hinduism

Aiyengar, Devi. I AM HINDU. Powerkids, 1997, 24p. $13.95, Hardcover, Ages 5-10.
ISBN: 0823923819
294.5 HINDUISM
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Gilmore, Rachna. LIGHTS FOR GITA. Tilbury House, 2000, 24p. $7.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0884481514
294.5 HINDUISM
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Jaffrey, Madhur. SEASONS OF SPLENDOUR: Tales, Myths, and Legends of India. Illus. Michael Foreman. Trafalgar Square, 1995, 128p. $19.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 1857933648
294.5 HINDUISM / MYTHOLOGY—INDIA
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Kadodwala, Dilip. HINDU FESTIVALS. Celebrate Series. Heineman, 1997, 48p. $22.79, Hardcover, Ages 6 up.
ISBN: 0431069662
294.5 HINDUISM
The deities and some myths are told about the major holidays. The ways of celebration and decoration are also discussed. Colorful photographs. Glossary and index are included.

Lewin, Ted. SACRED RIVER. Clarion, 1995, 32p. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
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915.41 INDIA / SOCIAL LIFE AND CUSTOMS / GANGES RIVER
Millions of Hindu pilgrims journey to the Ganges River in the Indian city of Benares to renew their faith in its waters. "For Hindus, all rivers are places of worship and are sacred. The Ganges is the most sacred of all ... its waters are said to have the power of salvation." Detailed full-color illustrations.

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Ghazi, Suhaib Hamid. RAMADAN. Illus. Omar Rayyan. Holiday House, 1996, 32p. $6.95, Paperback, Ages 5-10.
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Ramadan, Islam's holiest month, is seen through the eyes of Hakeem, a young boy. They fast and pray, all according to the belief of Qur'an. Paintings of Islamic symbols and motifs are included.

Staples, Suzanne. SHABANU: Daughter of the Wind. Random, 1989, 240p. $19.99, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
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Fiction MUSLIMS
Pakistani Moslem wedding customs and the position of women in this Islamic society are detailed in a gripping

account of an 11-year-old desert girl whose independent spirit makes subservience even to her beloved parents very difficult, especially when she is to marry a wealthy man much older than she. The setting is today but the way of life is ancient.

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Coutts, John. SIKH FESTIVALS. Heineman, 1997, 48p. $22.79, Hardcover, Ages 5-9.
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The Sikh festivals are seen through the eyes of children. Legends, prayers, and hymns are included. Indexed.

Dhanjal, Beryl. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT SIKHISM? Peter Bedrick Books, 1996, 40p. $18.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
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Includes the history of Sikhism, systems of beliefs, teachings, family life, music and dance. Full-color illustrations and photographs show Sikhs dressed in their colored turbans and veils.

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Ashabranner, Brent. GAVRIEL AND JEMAL: Two Boys of Jerusalem. Putnam, 1984, 95p. $11.95, Hardcover. Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0396084559
956.94 JERUSALEM—SOCIAL LIFE AND CUSTOMS
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Burstein, Chaya M. THE JEWISH KIDS' CATALOG. Jewish Publication Society of America, 1988, 224p. $14.95, Paperback, All ages.
ISBN: 0827602154
909.0492 JEWS—MISCELLANEA / JUDAISM
Educational and enjoyable gathering of information about a wide variety of Judaism, including the meaning of names, places to see in Israel, bar and bat mitzvah, the year and its holidays, the holy books, dances, songs with music, crafts, etc. Black and white photographs, diagrams, maps, witty drawings, index, and short dictionary of people and terms enhance the text. Note: The copyright date is 1983. Book was printed with a new cover in 1993 (10th anniversary edition) and the bibliography (Chapter 11) was updated in 1993 by Marcia Posner.

Burstein, Chaya M. THE KIDS' CATALOG OF BIBLE TREASURES. Jewish Publication Society, 1999, 160p. $15.95, Paperback, Ages 8 up.
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A lively illustrated catalog focusing on the Bible, both in ancient times and in modern society. To present an understanding for the young child, the author reviews various Bible stories, Biblical customs, Biblical names, phrases and ideas currently used in everyday life. Recipes, projects, quizzes, brainteasers, and jokes are included. Helpful index.

Chaikin, Miriam. MENORAHS, MEZUZAS, AND OTHER JEWISH SYMBOLS. Illus. Erika Weihs. Clarion, 1990, 120p. $17.00, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
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296.4 JEWISH ART AND SYMBOLISM / JUDAISM—CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES
A thorough, absorbing and clearly written account of various Jewish symbols in dress, worship, the home, numbers, holidays, and the State of Israel. Also includes the Sabbath celebration and rituals and customs such as circumcision, cleansing in the Mikvah, and redeeming the firstborn. Both history and current practice are discussed. This excellent reference book has dramatic black and white illustrations, notes, bibliography, and index.

Freeman, Grace R. INSIDE THE SYNAGOGUE, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1998, unp. $7.00, Paperback, Ages 6-9.
ISBN: 0807402680
296.65 JUDAISM—CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES
Excellent basic information on the Holy Ark, the Torah scrolls, the Ner Tamid, the siddur and prayers, the music, the rabbi, and other aspects of the synagogue presented for young children. Photographs.

Ganz, Yaffa. WHO KNOWS ONE? A Book of Jewish Numbers. Philipp Feldheim, 1981, unp. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 087306285X
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A multitude of information is covered in this high level counting book, which includes 1-10 as well as various other numbers of special significance. The Hebrew letters and Arabic numerals for each are presented, offered, and explained. Has jolly cartoon illustrations, glossary of Hebrew words, and list of Hebrew numbers and their corresponding Hebrew letters.

Kipper, Lenore C. THE ALEF-BET OF JEWISH VALUES: Code Words of Jewish Life. Illus. Jana Paiss. Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1985, 64p. $9.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0807402672
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Jewish identity, God and prayer, community and personal values are stressed in this examination of 23 moral principles. Gives Hebrew word for each, how it applies to Jewish living, and usually a story, quotation, or example to clarify it.

Kolatch, Alfred J. THE JEWISH CHILD'S FIRST BOOK OF WHY. Illus. Harry Araten. Jonathan David, 1992, 32p. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0824603540
296.07 JUDAISM—CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES
In simple language, questions and answers relating to customs and holidays encourage learning. Brightly colored illustrations.

Kushner, Lawrence. THE BOOK OF MIRACLES: A Young Person's Guide to Jewish Spirituality. Jewish Lights, 1997, 96p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 1879045788
296.74 JUDAISM
Divided into sections for seeing (discovering wonders and mysteries everywhere), hearing (the Torah and how God talks to people), doing (helping God repair creation), and person (doing good is its own reward and other precepts), the wisdom is expressed in anecdotes, Bible story references, personal thoughts, and rabbinic interpretations. The tone is gentle and guiding. Black and white drawings by the author are thought-provoking, surreal and symbolic. This 10th anniversary edition has a new introduction by the author. Also available in Spanish.

Leiman, Sondra. AMERICA: The Jewish Experience. Union of American Hebrew Congregation, 1994, 192p. $12.00, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0087405000
973.04 JEWS—UNITED STATES—HISTORY
In an attractive format, the text reviews the history of the Jews from colonial times to the present day. Each chapter contains a time line, links in history, the Jewish experience, a short example of fiction, famous people and a section on Jewish customs, careers, etc.

Nathan, Joan. THE CHILDREN'S JEWISH HOLIDAY KITCHEN: 70 Fun Recipes for You and Your Kids. Illus. Brooke Scudder. Schocken, 2000, 176p. $14.95, Paperback, Ages 8 up.
ISBN: 0805210563
641.5 JEWISH COOKING
Recipes and cooking activities from around the world. Recipes are old and new, traditional and novel. Full of anecdotes, folklore and history of Jewish holidays and Sabbath traditions.

Nerlove, Miriam. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR JEWISH CHILDREN. Whitman, 1999, 32p. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0807577707
296.385 JUDAISM / TEN COMMANDMENTS
Brief history of how the Ten Commandments were given to Mount Sinai followed by a simple presentation and a short explanation of what each commandment means. Full-page delicate illustrations.

Orkand, Robert. GATES OF WONDER: A Prayerbook for Very Young Children. Illus. Neil Waldman. Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1990, 47p. $12.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 088123009X
296.7 PRAYER / JUDAISM
The meaning of prayer is explained, along with the child's relation to God. The prayers are simple, in short sentences with large print. The Hebrew is transliterated and has English translations.

Paris, Alan. JERUSALEM 3000: Kids Discover the City of Gold. Pitspopany, 1995, 48p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 8 up.
ISBN: 0943706599
959.9 JERUSALEM—HISTORY
Informative, large format, history reference. Two bubble figures, Shalom and Tamar, act as guides, visiting historic sites. Dramatic illustrations depict each site as it was years ago and as it is now. Contains a time line and chronology.

Prenzlau, Sheryl. THE JEWISH CHILDREN'S BIBLE SERIES. Illus. Zely Smekhov. Pitspopany, 1996-99. Individual volumes, $18.95 each. Hardcover, Ages 6-9.
221.9 BIBLE STORIES—O.T.
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Rossel, Seymour. INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH HISTORY: From Abraham to the Sages. Illus. Katherine Kahn. Behrman, 1981, 128p. $8.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 087441363X
909.04 JEWS—HISTORY
Jewish history from the Patriarchs to the Second Temple and the completion of the Talmud. Contains photos, color illustrations, maps and a time line.

Rossel, Seymour. JOURNEY THROUGH JEWISH HISTORY. Behrman, 1981, 160p. $8.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0874413664
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From Diaspora to the present day with emphasis on Middle Ages, Ashkenazic and Sephardic Jews, the Haskalah movement, the United States, Zionism, World War II, Israel and current events.

Stadtler, Bea. THE HOLOCAUST: A History of Courage and Resistance. Behrman, 1995, 216p. $8.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0874415780
940.5 HOLOCAUST
Story is recounted in terms of individual actions of courage. Background information provided with bibliography and citations. Contains questions for middle schoolers to consider.

Taitz, Emily, REMARKABLE JEWISH WOMEN: Rebels, Rabbis, and Other Women from Biblical Times to the Present. Jewish Publication Society, 1996, 224p. $29.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0827605730
B JEWISH WOMEN
Contains 80 biographical sketches, chronologically arranged. Discusses historical, cultural and social periods from Biblical times to the present.

Topek, Susan Remick. TEN GOOD RULES. Illus. Rosalyn Schanzer. Kar-Ben, 1992, 32p. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0929371283.
296.385 TEN COMMANDMENTS
A little boy in a kippah assisted by a little figure of Moses leads the reader. There is no reason why any Judeo-Christian faith could not use this charming, very simple and positive interpretation of the Decalogue. As each commandment is given, the boy raises a stubby pink finger, and it becomes a counting book as well. The winsome illustrations are in warm pastels.

STORIES

Cooks, Roberta Goldshlag. GITTEL AND THE BELL. Illus. Susan Martz. Kar-Ben, 1987, unp. $10.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0930494687
Fiction JEWS / TORAH SCROLLS
Eight-year-old Gittel is criticized for ringing the town bell to announce events such as her new hairdo and the birth of kid triplets; but after she has helped solve the mystery of the disappearance of the Torah scroll from the synagogue, she is asked to ring the bell to celebrate its return. Both humorous and reverent, the story includes colorful details of daily rural life and has lively three-color drawings.

Greenberg, Blu and Linda Tarry. KING SOLOMON AND THE QUEEN OF SHEBA. Illus. Avi Katz. Pitspopany, 1997, 48p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 6-9.
ISBN: 0943706904
222.530 SOLOMON (KING OF ISRAEL)
The informative storytelling by the two authors, one an Orthodox Jew and the other an African-American tell a wonderful celebration of two cultures. Regally illustrated.

Hasting, Selena. THE ILLUSTRATED JEWISH BIBLE FOR CHILDREN. Illus. Eric Thomas. Dorling-Kindersley, 1997, 192p. $18.95, Hardcover, Ages 8 up.
ISBN: 0789420635
296 BIBLE STORIES—O.T.
Retelling of 80 Hebrew Bible stories in a large, attractive format. Beautifully illustrated, this contains the usual attention to detail, color, and customs. An index, a listing of Who's Who and one of Places cited in these stories are included.

Polacco, Patricia. MRS. KATZ AND TUSH. Illus. Author. Picture Yearling, 1994, 32p. $6.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0440409365
Fiction FRIENDSHIP / AFRICAN AMERICANS / JEWS
Larnel, a young black boy who brings her a kitten to love, befriends newly-widowed, sorrowful, elderly Mrs. Katz. Although Larnel is not Jewish, he helps Mrs. Katz celebrate Passover and say Kaddish for her Myron. Soon she becomes a beloved honorary "bubee" to his whole family.

Schnur, Steven. THE RETURN OF MORRIS SCHUMSKY. Illus. Victor Lazzaro. Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1998, 44p. $8.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 080740358X
Fiction JEWS
A great mitzvah is performed by all the members of a family when the irrepressible grandfather brings all his friends from the nursing home to his granddaughter's wedding, and they are lovingly received as honored guests. Lively pen and ink illustrations depict the happy events.

Singer, Isaac Bashevis. ELIJAH THE SLAVE. Illus. Antonio Frasconi. Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 1979, 32p. $16.00, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0374320845
398.22 ELIJAH
When a poor pious scribe suffers a paralyzed hand, God heals him and sends him Elijah to be sold as a slave to a rich man. Illustrated in dazzling colors.

Syme, Deborah Shayne. PARTNERS. Illus. Jeffrey Wiener. Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1998, 28p. $8.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0807404357
Fiction CONDUCT OF LIFE
Josh and Jacob, on a school trip to a city museum, are appalled by the plight of the poor people their bus passes on the streets and plan a number of charitable things they can do to help others. Their rabbi has told the congregation that Jews must be partners with God in healing the world and praises the boys as two of God's littlest partners. Expressive black and white drawings.

Taylor, Sydney. ALL-OF-A-KIND FAMILY. Illus. Helen John. Yearling, 1980, 192p. $4.99, Paperback, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0440400597
Fiction JEWS
Five little Jewish girls enjoy simple pleasures and strong family love in the lower East Side of New York City in the days when a trip to Coney Island was the ultimate treat. Religious holidays are explained and their celebration described tenderly.

Yolen, Jane. THE DEVIL'S ARITHMETIC. Econo-Clad, 1999, 170p. $12.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0833543350
Fiction JEWS
In this jolting, valuable, well-written reminder of the Holocaust, Hannah, a typical modern teen, is petulant about going to her grandfather's house for the Passover Seder. She is bored by the constant emphasis on remembering the past and keeping their Jewish heritage alive. As she goes to open the door for Elijah, however, she "steps" into a Polish shtetl in 1942. Hannah learns firsthand of the carnage of the concentration camps and why she must never forget the past.

BAR AND BAT MITZVAH

Bush, Lawrence. EMMA ANSKY-LEVINE AND HER MITZVAH MACHINE. Illus. Joel Iskowitz. Union of America Hebrew Congregations, 1998, 115p. $7.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0807404586
Fiction BAT MITZVAH
A child of non-observant parents, 12-year-old Emma longs to learn more about her Jewish heritage as she approaches the age of Bat Mitzvah. After she receives a mysterious computer-like Mitzvah Machine, which flashes messages to guide her decisions in daily life, she achieves a mature and sympathetic understanding of what Judaism and Jewishness entail. The text is part realism, part fantasy, and part didactic morality exposition. Realistic black and white drawings.

Gallant, Janet. MY BROTHER'S BAR MITZVAH. Illus. Susan Avishai. Kar-Ben, 1990, 32p. $12.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0929371208
Fiction BAR MITZVAH
Eight-year-old Sarah worries about her brother Ben's Bar Mitzvah, because he is still acting like a kid when he is supposed to be becoming a man. When the time comes, however, he makes everyone proud. A sweet story of one of the crowning events of Jewish family life is illustrated with excellent finely crafted drawings.

Salkin, Jeffrey K. FOR KIDS—PUTTING GOD ON YOUR GUEST LIST: How to Claim the Spiritual Meaning of Your Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Jewish Lights, 1998, 134p. $14.95, Paperback, Ages 9-13.
ISBN: 1058023-015-6
296.442 BAR MITZVAH / BAT MITZVAH
Rabbi Salkin explains the history and meaning of being a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, emphasizing the values and responsibilities that are a part of this important life cycle event. His easy-going style provides a good resource for children. This is a companion to his book for adults, PUTTING GOD ON THE GUEST LIST.

Schnur, Steven. THE NARROWEST BAR MITZVAH. Illus. Victor Lazzaro. Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1986, 42p. $7.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0807403164
Fiction BAR MITZVAH
Panic ensues when the synagogue is flooded the day before Alex's Bar Mitzvah, but his intrepid grandfather has the entire affair transferred to his tall, narrow house and yard, and Alex couldn't be happier. Everyone pitches in to make the ceremony intimate and meaningful. Includes glossary of religious terms and nice black and white drawings.

Wolff, Ferida. PINK SLIPPERS, BAT MITZVAH BLUES. Jewish Publication Society, 1989, 144p. $8.95, Hardcover, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0827605315
Fiction BAT MITZVAH
Deals with the pressures on Jewish children involved in Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparations and what happens in their lives afterward. Alyssa struggles to find her identity in a story many young people will find meaningful.

HOLIDAYS

Adler, David. THE KID'S CATALOG OF JEWISH HOLIDAYS. Jewish Publication Society, 1996, 224p. $15.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0827605811
296.4 JUDAISM—CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES / JEWISH HOLIDAYS
Bright, colorful descriptions of holidays, which includes crafts, songs, recipes, poems, puzzles, cartoons, etc.

Fisher, Adam. MY JEWISH YEAR: Celebrating Our Holidays. Behrman, 1993, 160p. $8.95, Paperback, Ages 7-9.
ISBN: 0874415403
296.4 JUDAISM—CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES / JEWISH HOLIDAYS
This reference book discusses the traditional holidays as well as more recent ones: Yom Hashoah and Yom Ha'atzmaut. Attractive with Biblical references, songs and prayers included.

Ganz, Yaffa. FOLLOW THE MOON: A Journey through the Jewish Year. Philipp Feldheim, 1984, unp. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0873063694
296 JUDAISM—CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES / JEWISH HOLIDAYS
For each month, from Nissan through Adar, the associated weather, activities, holidays, birth and death dates of Biblical notables, historical events, Bible stories, and astral constellation are discussed. Interesting text has cheerful color pictures and glossary of Hebrew and Yiddish words.

Gross, Judith. CELEBRATE: A BOOK OF JEWISH HOLIDAYS. Econo-Clad, 1999, unp. $9.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0613030354
296.43 JUDAISM—CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES /

JEWISH HOLIDAYS
An inexpensive and clear guide to Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simhat Torah, Hanukkah, Tu Bishvat, Purim, Passover, and Shavuot that explains the holidays in a colorful, informal way, with brief retellings of associated Bible stories. Lively, cartoon-style illustrations are charming and fun.

Kolatch, Alfred. LET'S CELEBRATE OUR JEWISH HOLIDAYS. Illus. Alex Bloch. Jonathan David, 1997, 64p. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 6 up.
ISBN: 082460394X
296.4 JUDAISM—CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES / JEWISH HOLIDAYS
Illustrated with clear prose, explaining how each holiday in the Jewish calendar originated, how each is celebrated and its message.

Livingston, Myra Cohn. POEMS FOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS. Illus. Lloyd Bloom. Holiday, 1986, 32p. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0823406067
811.54 JUDAISM—POETRY
Twelve holidays receive thoughtful, reverent, joyful treatment in 16 mostly new works by 12 poets. Powerful black and white illustrations have a surrealistic quality.

Silverman, Maida. MY FIRST BOOK OF JEWISH HOLIDAYS. Illus. Barbara Garrison. Dial, 1994, 32p. $15.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0803714270
296.4 JUDAISM—CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES / JEWISH HOLIDAYS
Explains 10 Jewish holidays in terms of symbols and customs in simple language. Emphasis on how to celebrate the holidays. Glossary and pronunciation guide included.

Weilerstein, Sadie Rose. THE BEST OF K'TONTON: The Greatest Adventures in the Life of the Jewish Thumbling, K'tonton ben Baruch Reuben. Collected for the 50th anniversary of his first appearance in print. Illus. Marilyn Hirsch. Jewish Publication Society, 1988, 94p. $9.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0827601875
Fiction JUDAISM—CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES / JEWISH HOLIDAYS
Adventures about a tiny Jewish boy as small as his mother's thumb who is sweet and pious but dangerously curious. Many deal with the unusual way in which he celebrates various religious holidays. Excellent glossary. Ideal for interfaith usage.

Wylen, Stephen M. THE BOOK OF THE JEWISH YEAR. Union of America Hebrew Congregations, 1998, 160p. $12.00, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 080740537X
296.4 JUDAISM—CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES / JEWISH HOLIDAYS
Each holiday chapter tells the story, gives text, describes good deeds and customs related to the celebration, and also provides blessings.

SUKKOT – SIMHAT TORAH

Gellman, Ellie. TAMAR'S SUKKAH. Illus. Shauna Kawasaki. Kar-Ben, 1999, 12p. $4.95, Hardcover, Ages 0-4.
ISBN: 1580130542
Fiction SUKKOT
As the holiday approaches, Tamar finds it necessary to ask friends to help build the family sukkah. When it is decorated and furnished, the friends enjoy refreshments together. Written in easy to read text. Colorful illustrations.

Polacco, Patricia. TIKVAH MEANS HOPE. Picture Yearling, 1996, 40p. $5.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0440412293
Fiction SUKKOT
On Oct. 20, 1991, during a firestorm in Oakland California, Tikvah, the beloved cat of the Duanes becomes lost. When the neighbors return to the devastation, they find a miracle emerging from a homemade sukkah, a booth or hut used to eat or sleep in the Jewish harvest festival. Colorful lively illustrations.

Rael, Elsa Okon. WHEN ZAYDEH DANCED ON ELDRIDGE STREET. Illus. Marjorie Priceman. Simon & Schuster, 1997, 32p. $16.00, Hardcover, Ages 6-8.
ISBN: 0689804512
Fiction SIMHAT TORAH
Zeesie spends a surprisingly enchanting Simhat Torah with her grandparents and is amazed to see her strict grandfather dancing with the Torah scrolls at the Eldridge Street Synagogue in New York City. The illustrator, who collaborated with the author in a previous Lower East Side immigrant family tale of the 1930s, WHAT ZEESIE SAW ON DELANCEY STREET, exuberantly captures the joyous spirit of this tale.

Zalben, Jane Breskin. LEO AND BLOSSOM'S SUKKAH. Henry Holt, 1990, 23p. $13.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0805012265
Fiction SUKKOT / SUCCAH
The bear children decide to build their own succah but hang up so much fruit that their decorations come crashing down all over them. Their parents help them rebuild, explain that Sukkot is the basis of the Thanksgiving celebration, and have their harvest feast. A feeling of warm family love and holiday cheer suffuses the simple text and busy pictures. Sukkot is explained in a note at the end.

SHABBAT

Pomerantz, Barbara. WHO WILL LEAD KIDDUSH? Illus. Donna Ruff. Union of America Hebrew Congregations, 1998, unp. $6.00, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0807403067
Fiction DIVORCE / SABBATH

A little girl whose parents are divorcing is comforted when her father assures her that she and her mother can continue the Kiddush ritual without him and that he will always love her. Illustrated with black and white drawings.

Rouss, Sylvia A. SAMMY SPIDER'S FIRST SHABBAT. Illus. Katherine Janus Kahn. Kar-Ben. 1997, 32p. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 3-6.
ISBN: 1580130070
Fiction SABBATH
Sammy Spider experiences the different parts of the day along with the Shapiro family as they prepare for Shabbat. He even weaves a web with a braid that looks like the one on a challah. The day's cycle of sunrise, morning, afternoon, sunset, evening, and night are glowingly depicted.

Snyder, Carol. GOD MUST LIKE COOKIES, TOO. Illus. Beth Glick. Jewish Publication Society, 1993, 32p. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 3-8.
ISBN: 0827604238
Fiction SABBATH
A young girl tells about a wonderful day she has spent with her grandma. They go to a sculpture class, iceskate together, enjoy a ride on a carousel, and in the evening attend Shabbat services. It is hard for the child to concentrate as she eagerly awaits her opportunity to have three cookies at the Oneg Shabbat after services. This warm and loving story has illustrations to match.

Walter, Roy A. GATES OF PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: Services For Shabbat and Weekdays. Illus. Brad Gaber. Central Conference of American Rabbis. 1997, 176p. $15.00, Hardcover, Grades 1-6.
ISBN: 0881230456
296.4 SABBATH / JUDAISM—LITURGY
Contains two sets of Shabbat and weekday services: one for children in grades one to three; the other for students in grades four to six. Family service is included. Hebrew prayers are transliterated, usually with some explanation of their meaning. Contains section on songs.

Zwerin, Raymond and Audrey Marcus. SHABBAT CAN BE. Illus. Yuri Salzman. Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1998, 32p. $10.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0807400238
296.41 SABBATH
Large, highly colored pictures of children enjoying the special emotions and activities of the Sabbath.

HIGH HOLY DAYS

Rosh Hashanah—Yom Kippur

Cohen, Barbara. FIRST FAST. Illus. Martin Lemelman. Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1998, unp. $9.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0807403547
Fiction YOM KIPPUR
Although they are too young to be obliged to fast on Yom Kippur, Harry and Leah decide to try, and find they are spiritually uplifted by the experience. Describes Yom Kippur service, feeling of holiday solemnity, and performing a coming of age rite. Crisp text has realistic dialogue, simple line drawings in black and white, and glossary.

Goldin, Barbara Diamond. THE WORLD'S BIRTHDAY: A Rosh Hashanah Story. Illus. Jeanette Winter. Voyager Picture, 1995, 32p. $5.00, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0152000453
Fiction ROSH HASHANAH
When Daniel realizes that Rosh Hashanah is the time when God's creation is celebrated, he wants to have a birthday party for the whole world. Despite his family's doubts, he buys the bakery's biggest cake, makes a birthday card, and thinks of the perfect setting for his party. The sweet, ingenuous story is illustrated with bold, bright watercolors.

Kimmel, Eric [Reteller]. GERSHON'S MONSTER. Illus. Jon Muth. Scholastic, 2000, 32p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 5-9.
ISBN: 043910839X
398.2089 ROSH HASHANAH—FOLKLORE
Retelling of a Jewish New Year legend in which people gather together at a seaside, river or stream to empty their pockets. This symbolizes disposing of sins. Author's Notes at end explains, in detail, the history of this tradition. Expressive beautiful watercolors.

Rouss, Sylvia A. SAMMY SPIDER'S FIRST ROSH HASHANAH. Illus. Katherine Janus Kahn. Kar-Ben. 1996, 32p. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 3-6.
ISBN: 0929371992
Fiction ROSH HASHANAH
In his eagerness to celebrate Rosh Hashanah with the Shapiro family, Sammy Spider gets stuck in honey! This holiday book also teaches youngsters to recognize sizes: big, middle-size and small. Attractive, bouncy illustrations keep children entranced.

Siegel, Bruce. THE MAGIC OF KOL NIDRE: A Yom Kippur Story. Illus. Shelly Haas. Kar-Ben, 1998, unp. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 1580130038
296.4 YOM KIPPUR
The Kol Nidre prayer, central to the Yom Kippur service is explored from the vantage point of three families. Tells why this prayer is sung three times. Beautiful illustrations with brilliant watercolors. Historical comments.

Passover

(See also Old Testament—Moses)

Adler, David A. A PICTURE BOOK OF PASSOVER. Listening Library, 1994, 32p. $15.98, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0807201332
296.437 PASSOVER
Moses' life, through the parting of the Red Sea, is succinctly told, followed by a brief description of the holiday celebration. Witty, elegant pictures.

Goldin, Barbara. THE PASSOVER JOURNEY: A Seder Companion. Illus. Neil Waldman. Puffin, 1997, 64p. $7.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0140561315
296.4 PASSOVER
Part I, the story of Exodus, is retold. Part II explains the Seder and its traditions. Contains notes and a helpful glossary.

Klass, Sheila Solomon. NOBODY KNOWS ME IN MIAMI. Atheneum, 1981, 149p. $9.95, Hardcover, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0684168510
Fiction PASSOVER
A poor Orthodox Jewish family in 1937 Brooklyn allows Miriam, a lively 10-year-old, to choose whether or not to be adopted. The story revolves around the Passover celebration.

Oppenheim, Shulamith Levey. APPLEBLOSSOM. Harcourt, 1991, 28p. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0152037500
Fiction PASSOVER
Eight-year-old Naphtali and his mother long for a cat, but Papa refuses. Then clever Appleblossom, who wants to be their pet, wins him over by marching in boldly when the door is opened for Elijah at the Passover Seder, and settling down beside his chair. Passover preparations in an atmosphere of close family love add to the sweetness of this little story, with watercolor illustrations giving luminous warmth.

Rouss, Sylvia A. SAMMY SPIDER'S FIRST PASSOVER. Illus. Katherine Janus Kahn. Kar-Ben, 1995, 32p. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 3-6.
ISBN: 0929371828
Fiction PASSOVER
Josh Shapiro is looking for the afikomen and Sammy Spider helps him find the hidden piece of matzah. He also spins a beautiful web. Preschoolers will enjoy the story, the colorful pictures, and the emphasis on shapes.

Sidi, Smadar. PASSOVER A-Z. Lambda, 1988, 48p. $9.95, Hardcover, Ages 8 up.
ISBN: 1557740496
296.4 PASSOVER
For every letter of the Hebrew alphabet, there is at least one Passover anecdote, fact or explanation. Colorfully illustrated, small, attractive fact book.

Zalben, Jane Breskin. HAPPY PASSOVER, ROSIE. Henry Holt, 1990, 26p. $13.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0805012214
FICTION PASSOVER / SEDER
A sweet, happy description of the Seder, with all the bear relatives gathered for the celebration is reinforced by cheery, warmly colored illustrations. Lucky little Rosie asks the four questions and finds the afikoman but is frightened when Grandpa pretends to be Elijah's ghost. The questions and meanings of the foods on the Seder plate are listed at the end.

Zusman, Evelyn. THE PASSOVER PARROT. Illus. Katherine Janus Kahn. Kar-Ben, 1999, 32p. $10.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 1580130240
Fiction PASSOVER
A mischievous parrot adds excitement to a family seder celebration by learning the four questions in Hebrew and stealing the afikomen. Story enlivened by busy and appealing pictures.

Hanukkah

Behrens, June. HANUKKAH. Children's Press, 1983, 32p. $6.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 051642386X
296.435 HANUKKAH
The Maccabee story, special foods, the lighting of the menorah, games, gifts, songs, and worship service are all described and illustrated with color photographs as one family's celebration is followed at home and in the synagogue.

Charette, Beverly Rae. THE STORY OF CHANUKAH FOR CHILDREN. Illus. Dick Keller. Ideals, 1985, 24p. $3.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0824980204
296.435 HANUKKAH
The Maccabean-Syrian conflict is told in verse form for small children, with big, busy color illustrations of the ancient warriors and a modern family celebrating the holiday with feasting and gifts.

Drucker, Malka. GRANDMA'S LATKES. Illus. Eve Chwast. Harcourt Brace, 1996, 32p. $6.00, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0152013881
Fiction HANUKKAH / JEWISH COOKING
As Molly helps her grandmother prepare latkes for all the family, she learns the reason for the holiday when Grandma tells her a lively, simple version of Antiochus and the Maccabees. Grandma's latke recipe is included. Strong, simple water colored woodcuts complement the story.

Groner, Judye and Madeline Wikler. ALL ABOUT HANUKKAH. Kar-Ben, 1999, 32p. $12.95, Paperback, Ages 6-9.
ISBN: 1580130577
296.435 HANUKKAH
Brisk, factual, well-detailed account of the oppression of the Jews by Antiochus and the fierce and successful rebellion of the Maccabees are followed by descriptions of Hanukkah customs, recipes, blessings, and thought questions. Crisply outlined illustrations are in color and black and white.

Jaffe, Nina. IN THE MONTH OF KISLEV: A Story For Hanukkah. Illus. Louise August. Viking, 1992, 32p. $15.00, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0670828637
Fiction HANUKKAH
A charming cautionary tale concerns Mendel, a poor peddler, and Feivel, a rich merchant, celebrating Hanukkah

in a Polish town. The miserly merchant decides that Mendel's daughters, who do not even have potatoes, must pay a fine for merely smelling golden potato latkes cooked at Feivel's house. A wise rabbi cleverly arbitrates the case and teaches Feivel a lesson. Stylized, richly colored woodcuts portray the sprightly humor perfectly. Explanatory note on the holiday is included.

Kalman, Bobbie. WE CELEBRATE HANUKKAH. Illus. Cecilia Ohm-Erickson. Crabtree, 1985, 56p. $10.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0865050554
296.435 HANUKKAH
Poems, didactic stories, crafts, games, recipes, songs, customs throughout the world, and the history of the holiday are plentifully illustrated with busy, bright pictures and black and white drawings. Peace throughout the world is stressed as a holiday theme.

Kimmel. Eric A. THE CHANUKKAH GUEST. Illus. Giora Carmi. Holiday, 1992, 32p. $6.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0823407888
Fiction HANUKKAH
Aroused from hibernation by the savory smell of latkes frying, Old Bear invades Bubba Brayna's cottage and gobbles up stacks and stacks, willingly served to him by the nearsighted old lady. She thinks he is the fur-clad rabbi, whom she is expecting as a dinner guest. The amusing idea is well developed and illustrated with strong caricatured figures of the Chanukkah celebrating villagers.

Kimmel, Eric A. THE CHANUKKAH TREE. Illus. Giora Carmi. Holiday, 1988, 30p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0823407055
Fiction HANUKKAH
A peddler who sells them his last Christmas tree by assuring that Hanukkah trees are now all the rage in the United States and that they must put decorations, lights, and a star on it fools the Jews of Chelm. Using traditional Hanukkah materials the villagers produce hilarious results. The clever, gently satirical story is illustrated perfectly with strong featured, lively, colorful personalities.

Kimmel, Eric A. HERSHEL AND THE HANUKKAH GOBLINS. Illus. Trina Schart Hyman. Holiday, 1989, 32p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0823407691
Fiction HANUKKAH
Hershel of Ostropol, looking forward to joining the Hanukkah celebration in a small village, is told that Hanukkah hating goblins haunt the synagogue, meddle with the menorahs, break the dreidels, and throw the latkes on the floor. To break their spell someone must spend eight nights in the eerie synagogue and persuade the goblin king himself to light the Hanukkah candles. In vigorous illustrations the grotesque demons are frustrated by a calm, bearded Hershel. Author's note explains the meaning and celebration of the holiday.

Levine, Arthur A. ALL THE LIGHTS IN THE NIGHT. Econo-Clad, 1999, 32p. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0613044533
Fiction HANUKKAH
The breath-stopping journey of two young brothers from persecution in Russia, as they board a ship to freedom in order to join their older brother in Palestine in 1914, is illuminated with sober, strong, glowing oil paintings. The boys keep up their courage by telling the Hanukkah story and celebrating as they make their perilous trip.

Manushkin, Fran. LATKES AND APPLESAUCE: A Hanukkah Story. Illus. Robin Spowart. Scholastic, 1992, 32p. $4.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0590422650
Fiction HANUKKAH
Just before time to dig the potatoes and pick the apples, a tremendous snowstorm rages on the first night of Hanukkah, and the Menashe family has no latkes and applesauce. When the family takes in a starving kitten and dog, however, they are rewarded unexpectedly for their kindness. Misty pictures contrast the cozy cottage interior with the cold, blue-white outdoors. Explanatory material about the history of the holiday and a reading list are included.

Nerlove, Miriam. HANUKKAH. Illus. Author. Albert Whitman, 1992, 24p. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 4-6. ISBN: 0807531421
Fiction HANUKKAH
Parents, grandparents, a little boy, and a cat celebrate all the holiday traditions, from the story of the Maccabees through the lighting of the menorah candles, enjoying the special foods and fun. The easy rhymed text has simple, softly-colored line drawings of the sweet-faced family. Glossary of Hanukkah terms is included.

Polacco, Patricia. THE TREES OF THE DANCING GOATS. Simon & Schuster, 1997, 32p. $17.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0689811934
Fiction HANUKKAH / CHRISTMAS / GRANDPARENTS
While preparing for Hanukkah in a Michigan Jewish home, Babushka and Grampa discover neighbors who are ill with scarlet fever and are unable to celebrate Christmas. A Christmas tree is cut and a food basket is prepared for them of latkes, chicken and Hanukkah candles. Detailed paintings are as warm and lively as this story.

Pushker, Gloria Teles. TOBY BELFER NEVER HAD A CHRISTMAS TREE. Illus. Judith Hierstein. Pelican, 1991, 32p. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0882898558
Fiction HANUKKAH / CHRISTMAS
Toby, a little Jewish girl growing up among Christians in a small southern town, has lots of friends who celebrate Christmas. At holiday time, she shares with them the special Hanukkah customs of her family and the story of the

Maccabees. The simple, ecumenical text has large, busy, colorful pictures.

Rosen, Michael J. ELIJAH'S ANGEL: A Story For Chanukah and Christmas. Illus. Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson. Harcourt Brace, 1992, 32p. $16.00, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0152253947
Fiction AFRICAN AMERICANS / CHRISTMAS / HANUKKAH
Delightful, touching story based on a true incident tells of the friendship between an octogenarian black barber who is also a woodcarver filled with Christian love and Michael, a nine-year-old observant Jewish boy. It centers on the woodcarvers gift of a carved angel, which Michael fears might be a forbidden graven image. Vividly written, it is illustrated with unusual, bold, distorted, brightly colored pictures.

Rosenberg, Amye. MELLY'S MENORAH. Aladdin, 1991, unp. $3.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 067174495X
Fiction HANUKKAH
The Gophers have just moved into a new house and are preparing to celebrate Hanukkah. Melly is too little to help with the main tasks and finally decides to make a menorah of cookie dough. When the real menorah can't be found, hers is used and praised. Cheerful pictures show the animals enjoying traditional holiday activities.

Rouss, Sylvia A. SAMMY SPIDER'S FIRST HANUKKAH. Illus. Katherine Janus Kahn. Kar-Ben, 1993, 32p. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 3-6.
ISBN: 0929371461
Fiction HANUKKAH
The first of a series of holiday books features the irrepressible Sammy Spider who lives with his mother in the Shapiro household. Sammy gets a surprise Hanukkah present from his mother, but not before she advises him in words that are paraphrased in his other holiday adventures, "Silly little Sammy. Spiders don't spin dreidels. Spiders spin webs." This is also a book of colors and numbers and the vibrant illustrations re-inforce these learning skills.

Schotter, Roni. HANUKKAH! Illus. Marylin Hafner. Little Brown, 1993, 32p. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8
ISBN: 0316774693
296.435 HANUKKAH
Mama, Papa, Grandma Rose, and five children happily immerse themselves in holiday preparations, consume a huge feast, and celebrate love and light with affectionate joy. A note at the end explains the historical circumstances. Setting the mood, warm, exuberant watercolors depict the jolly, comfortable family.

Shostak, Myra. RAINBOW CANDLES: A Chanukah Counting Book. Illus. Katherine Janus Kahn. Kar-Ben, 1986, unp. $6.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0930494598
296.435 HANUKKAH
Little girl with brown ponytails takes her shamash and lights a fresh candle in the menorah for eight days, twirls dreidels, mixes latkes, and plays with her toys in simple, brightly colored pictures.

Silverman, Maida. FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: The Story of Hanukkah. Illus. Carolyn Ewing. Aladdin, 1999, 32p. $5.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0689830831
296.435 HANUKKAH
Well-told, easy-to-read, comprehensive version of Antiochus' persecution of the Jews, the vigorous opposition of the Maccabees and victory over General Lysias' troops, the cleansing and refurbishing of the Temple, and the miracle of the oil has busy, colorful illustrations. Dreidel and menorah legends are included.

Singer, Isaac Bashevis. THE POWER OF LIGHT: Eight Stories for Hanukkah. Illus. Irene Lieblich. Econo-Clad, 1999, 87p. $17.95, Hardcover, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0613024869
Fiction HANUKKAH
A variety of gracefully written inspirational tales—some realistic, some legendary—set in Poland, Russia, and the United States, with a Hanukkah event as their basis. Glowing illustrations.

Sussman, Susan. THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A CHANUKAH BUSH, SANDY GOLDSTEIN. Illus. Charles Robinson. Whitman, 1987, 48p. $8.85, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0807578622
Fiction CHRISTMAS / HANUKKAH
Feeling left out of all the school preparations for Christmas, Robin asks for a Chanukah bush, but her request is gently denied. She is allowed to go to her grandfather's union Christmas party and enjoy the secular side of the holiday. She and her new friend, a Catholic girl, learn that sharing Christmas does not make a Jew a Christian nor does sharing Chanukah make a Christian a Jew. Written in a lively, under-standing way and illustrated with drawings.

Zalben, Jane Breskin. BENI'S FIRST CHANUKAH. Illus. Author. Henry Holt, 1988, 24p. $12.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0805004793
Fiction HANUKKAH
In their cozy, cheerful house the bear family celebrates the holiday with a frenzy of cooking, a vigorous search for gifts, and a gathering of relatives for the lighting of the menorah. Sasha and Christopher Squirrel, who celebrate Christmas, are warmly included in the festivities. The text and appealing pictures are filled with holiday spirits.

Purim

(See also Old Testament—Esther)

Cohen, Barbara. HERE COME THE PURIM PLAYERS! Union Of American Hebrew Congregations, 1998, unp. $12.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0807406457
296.436 PURIM
Enter the world of Reb Zalman and Reb Yisroel and their fellow Jews in Prague when traveling players performed the story of how the Jews of Persia escaped destruction because of Esther's bravery and Mordecai's wisdom. Useful for families in their Purim celebration.

Feder, Harriet K. IT HAPPENED IN SHUSHAN: A Purim Story. Kar-Ben, 1988, unp. $6.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 093049475X
296.436 PURIM / REBUSES
Winning, clever, updated retelling of Esther's story in rebus form. Amusing questions asked throughout the text will entertain children. Has very attractive three-color format and sharp, witty little pictures.

Fishman, Cathy. ON PURIM. Atheneum, 2000, 40p. $16.00, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0-689-82392-4
296.436 PURIM
Preparations for the Jewish holiday of Purim are explained, based on the story of Esther. Bright and lively illustrations contribute to the joy of the holiday.

Greenfeld, Howard. PURIM. Henry Holt, 1983, unp. $9.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0030614783
296.436 PURIM / ESTHER
Bold black and white illustrations and large, handsome type enhance a dignified retelling of the Bible story, followed by a short description of holiday customs.

Native American

Archambault, John. KNOTS ON A COUNTING ROPE. Illus. Bill Martin Jr. Owlet, 1997, 32p. $6.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0805054790
Fiction INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA
A blind young boy and his grandfather discuss the counting rope, which is a symbol for passage of time. The story is of love and courage. Colorful illustrations.

dePaola, Tomie. THE LEGEND OF THE BLUEBONNET. Illus. Author. Econo-Clad, 1999, 30p. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0808530178
398.242 INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA
Because the Comanche people have become selfish, taking from the earth and returning nothing, the Great Spirits send a drought and demand a sacrifice. A small orphan girl burns her beloved doll as an offering and wherever the ashes are scattered bluebonnets spring up and warm rain falls. Legendary text has subtle, simple pictures in earth tones.

Goble, Paul. THE GIFT OF THE SACRED DOG. Reading Rainbow Book. Aladdin, 1984, 32p. $5.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0020432801
398.209 INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA
A tale of how the Native Americans acquired the horse, which is called the "Sacred Dog" that is then given to their tribes. Colorful illustrations.

Goble, Paul. REMAKING THE EARTH: A Creation Story from the Great Plains of North America. Orchard Books, 1996, unp. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 053109524X
398.209 INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA
A creation myth telling how the world was flooded with water and how the surviving animals and birds begged the Great Spirit to form the land again. Colorful illustrations are emotional.

Hillerman, Tony. THE BOY WHO MADE DRAGONFLY. Illus. Janet Grado. University of New Mexico, 1986, 81p. $8.95. Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0826309100
398.2 INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA
Beautifully told myth in which two honorable and pious children redeem their tribe, which has become wasteful and cruel, and become its leaders. This myth is filled with Zuni customs, culture, and philosophy. The moral is universal. Has finely-done black and white drawings.

Hucko, Bruce. A RAINBOW AT NIGHT: The World in Words and Pictures. Illus. Navajo Children. Chronicle, 1997, 44p. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0811812944
398.209 INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA
The full page colorful artwork done by Navajo children ages 5-13, tells of their home, daily activities, myths and culture.

McDermott, Gerald. ARROW TO THE SUN: A Pueblo Indian Tale. Illus. Author. Econo-Clad, 1999, unp. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0881038199
398.22 INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA
In this myth the Sun God sends down a ray to a young maiden, and a divine son is born. Later he returns to his father on a magic arrow, undergoes trials to prove his identity, and is triumphantly returned to earth to bring the god's spirit to men. Brilliant illustrations.

Seattle, Chief. BROTHER EAGLE, SISTER SKY: A Message From the Words of Chief Seattle. Illus. Susan Jeffers. Dial Books, 1991, 23p. $16.99, Hardcover, All Ages.
ISBN: 0803709692
811.3 INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA / ECOLOGY

A central belief of Native American spirituality, that the earth and all its creatures are sacred and inseparably bound together, is beautifully expressed in a poetic adaptation of Chief Seattle's address to white government treaty negotiators, and pictured in spectacular views of mounted Indians in the unspoiled wilderness, followed by scenes of logging devastation.

Swamp, Chief Jake. GIVING THANKS: A Native American Good Morning Message. Illus. Erwin Printup Jr. Lee & Low, 1997, 24p. Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 1880000547
398.2 INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA
A story in prayer form by Chief Swamp offering thanks for Mother Earth, animals, plants, winds, moon and the stars. The full color decorative illustrations fill the pages with beauty.

HOLIDAYS

Epiphany

Carlson, Lori. HURRAY FOR THREE KING'S DAY. Illus. Ed Martinez. Morrow Junior, 1999, 32p. $12.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0688162398
263.915 EPIPHANY / THREE KINGS DAY / TWELFTH NIGHT
The story of the traditional Latin American holiday which tells of three children carrying gifts going from house to house and reenacting the journey of the Three Wise Men. Warm text with glowing oil paintings.

Slate, Joseph. SECRET STARS. Illus. Felipe Davalos. Marshall Cavendish, 1998, unp. $12.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0761450270
263.915 EPIPHANY / THREE KINGS DAY / TWELFTH NIGHT
A magical dream story. On a cold stormy night in Mexico, two children snuggle with their grandmother and are told the story of the secret stars that guide the Three Wise Men. Warm colorful illustrations.

Valentine's Day

Bulla, Clyde. THE STORY OF VALENTINE'S DAY. Illus. Estelle Kwas. HarperCollins Juvenile, 2000, 40p. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0064436268
Fiction VALENTINE'S DAY
The history and customs of this ancient holiday from the beginning in Roman times to the present including who wrote the first Valentine's Day card. Vivid charming illustrations.

Gibbons, Gail. VALENTINE'S DAY. Illus. Author. Holiday, 1986, 32p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0823405729
394.2683 VALENTINE'S DAY
Includes the story of St. Valentine and modern day customs, refreshments, parties, and crafts. Has decorative line drawings in brilliant colors.

Nerlove, Miriam. VALENTINE'S DAY. Albert Whitman, 1994, unp. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 080758455X
Fiction VALENTINE'S DAYA young girl tells the story of Saint Valentine in her multiracial classroom. Lively illustrations.

Simpson, Christine. PUPPY LOVE. Illus. Judith Orner. Paulist, 1998, 32p. $7.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0809166526
Fiction LOVE
Children learn how to treat others by watching puppies express their unconditional love. Rhyming text is humorous, heartwarming and filled with joy.

St. Patrick's Day

Barth, Edna. SHAMROCKS, HARPS, AND SHILLELAGHS: The Story of St. Patrick's Day Symbols. Illus. Ursual Arndt. Houghton Mifflin, 1982, 96p. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0899190383
394.268 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
Attractive, interesting presentation of St. Patrick's life, legends, and the ways in which his holiday is celebrated. Includes the history and meaning of the various symbols.

Gibbons, Gail. ST. PATRICK'S DAY. Holiday House, 1995, 30p. $6.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0823411737
263.98 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
The story of St. Patrick and how we celebrate his feast day with symbols, parades, plays and food. Concludes with the summary of six legends about St. Patrick—the expulsion of snakes, almost poisoned by a wizard, his cloak, the shamrock, the fish, and the sunset. Very colorful illustrations by the author.

Haskins, James. COUNT YOUR WAY THROUGH IRELAND. Illus. Author. Carolrhoda, 1996, 24p. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0876149743
941.7082 IRELAND
Count your way from one to ten through Ireland, a land of leprechauns and limericks, soda bread and mulligan stew. Readers are introduced to the Emerald Isle, both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland as they learn to count in Gaelic, the traditional language of Ireland. Colorful photographs.

Janda, James. THE STORY OF SAINT PATRICK. Illus. Christopher Fay. Paulist, 1995, unp. $4.95, Paperback, Ages 6-10.
ISBN: 0809166232
263.98 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
The story of the early Christian leader for whom this day is

remembered. The author has blended Patrick's words from his autobiography with the legends about him.

Lent/Holy Week/Easter

(See also JESUS—Resurrection)

Barth, Edna. LILIES, RABBITS, AND PAINTED EGGS: The Story of the Easter Symbols. Illus. Ursula Arndt. Econo-Clad, 1999, 64p. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0808545841
394.2 EASTER
The Easter symbols—candles, sunrise, fire, eggs, rabbits, colors, new clothes, etc.—and how they are used throughout the world is discussed in a colorful, interesting way.

Beuschlein, Marti. EARLY EASTER MORNING. Concordia, 1999, 32p. $6.99, Hardcover, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 0570054737
263.92 EASTER
This well illustrated story takes small children on a "walk" to the empty tomb. Focus on the five senses in rhyme.

Fisher, Aileen. STORY OF EASTER. Econo-Clad, 1999, 30p. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0613088271
394.2 EASTER
Good range of Easter information. The spring festival and Easter egg aspects are incorporated into the celebration of the Resurrection.

Gibbons, Gail. EASTER. Illus. Author. Holiday, 1989, 32p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0823407373
394.2682 EASTER
Jesus' life and death are treated briefly but with enough accurate detail to provide an excellent basic introduction for very young children. The crucifixion is shown from afar to soften its cruelty, and afterward the risen Jesus happily astonishes his followers. The other traditional Easter symbols and customs are then discussed. Gaily colored, crisp ink and watercolor pictures are perfect for the easily understood text. Notes at the end explain the Easter holy days.

Hazeltine, Alice Isabel. THE EASTER BOOK OF LEGENDS AND STORIES. Omnigraphics, 1992, 392p. $45.00, Hardcover, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 1558888578
394.2 EASTER
Collection of poems and stories from various eras and countries encompasses the Resurrection, Easter as a holiday, and springtime rebirth.

Higgs, Liz Curtis. THE PARABLE OF THE LILY. Illus. Nancy Munger. Thomas Nelson, 1997, 32p. $7.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0785272313
263.92 EASTER
Charming story of a farmer's daughter who receives a mysterious gift, which she neglects, and then discards, only to find out on Easter morning how special it is. Bible verses link the story to the life of Jesus.

Houselander, Caryll. PETOOK: An Easter Story. Illus. Tomie dePaola. Holiday, 1988, 30p. $18.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0823406814
394.2 EASTER
The Easter themes of birth and resurrection are touched upon gently as Petook, a proud white rooster living near Calvary's hill, crows with joy over the hatching of chicks as the boy Jesus kneels in wonder by the hen. Many years later Petook is strangely agitated as three men are lifted onto crosses; but three days later rejoices again at the mystery of new life appearing. Elegantly simple watercolors and a poetic, pictorial text distinguish the story.

Kennedy, Pamela. AN EASTER CELEBRATION: TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. Ideals, 1991, 32p. $10.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0824985060
394.26823 EASTER / HOLY WEEK
The pre-Christian background of spring festivals and goddesses; the symbolism of new birth and rebirth found in flowers, eggs, rabbits, and lambs; the customs of Holy Week; Passover; and two Easter legends are discussed in a simple, absorbing text and illustrated with a variety of photographs, reproductions of paintings, drawings, and stained glass windows.

Livingston, Myra Cohn. EASTER POEMS. Illus. John Wallner. Holiday, 1989, 32p. $15.95, Hardcover, All ages.
ISBN: 082340546X
808.8193 EASTER—POETRY
Ten of the short poems have religious references; eight deal with Easter finery, bunnies, eggs, etc. Intricate black and white drawings are accented with green and violet.

Myra, Harold. EASTER BUNNY, ARE YOU FOR REAL? Illus. Jane Kurisu. Thomas Nelson, 1998, 32p. $7.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0849914930
Fiction EASTER
Young children and their father discuss the role which bunnies, dyed eggs, and candy treats should play in the Christian celebration of Easter as the family prepares to celebrate the holiday. All aspects of Easter, including resurrection, are presented.

Oursler, Fulton. A CHILD'S STORY OF EASTER. Illus. Helen Caswell. Abingdon, 1998, 24p. $5.00, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0687021901
263.93 EASTER
Begins on Palm Sunday and ends with the Ascension. Helen Caswell's paintings with gentle and rich colors meld the Bible story and Ousler's retelling of it into a beautiful understanding.

Polacco, Patricia. RECHENKA'S EGGS. Paperstar, 1996, unp. $6.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0698113853
Fiction EASTER
A lovely Russian Easter story of long ago made beautiful by the author's illustrations. Old Babushka is preparing her eggs for the Easter Festival when she takes in Rechenka, an injured goose, which shows her that miracles really can happen.

Rathert, Donna. LENT IS FOR REMEMBERING. Concordia, 1987, 24p. $2.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0570041473
263.91 LENT
Simple explanation of the events and symbols of Lent and how they prepare us for Easter.

Tangvald, Christine. EASTER IS ... FOR ME! Illus. Tony Griego. Bethany, 2000, 24p. $3.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 076422333X
263.92 EASTER
Explains why we celebrate Easter by sharing the wonderful miracle of Christ's resurrection and our new life in Him. Includes facts about some Easter time symbols. Full color illustrations.

Wildsmith, Brian. THE EASTER STORY. Eerdmans, 2000, 32p. $18.00, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0802851894
263.92 EASTER
In clear, reverent language and shining gold-toned paintings, the Easter legend is told. The author adapts the story of Jesus' last days in a simple and straightforward manner. Simple elegant paintings.

Mother's Day/Father's Day

Balian, Lorna. MOTHER'S MOTHER'S DAY. Humbug, 1994, unp. $12.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0687370973
Fiction MOTHER'S DAY
A lovely story of Hazel who goes to visit her mother on Mother's Day and discovers she has gone to visit her mother. Playful colorful illustration.

Bunting, Eve. A PERFECT FATHER'S DAY. Illus. Susan Meddaugh. Clarion, 1993, 32p. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0395664160
Fiction FATHER'S DAY
A charming story of a father-daughter relationship and how Father's Day is spent in activity. Colorful humorous illustrations accompany the author's simple witty text.

Hautzig, Esther. A GIFT FOR MAMA. Illus. Donna Diamond. Puffin, 1997, 64p. $4.99, Paperback, Ages 7-11.
ISBN: 0140385517
Fiction MOTHER'S DAY
Sara decides she will no longer make presents for holidays and occasions. She will now do something entirely different for Mother's Day.

Fall/Halloween/Harvest

Higgs, Liz Curtis. THE PUMPKIN PATCH PARABLE. Illus. Nancy Munger. Thomas Nelson, 1995, 32p. $7.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0785277226
242.62 PARABLES / HALLOWEEN
A beautiful parable telling how a farmer plants pumpkin seeds, then selects a special one from His garden, and carves a face in it. The author notes: "Since the Lord Himself created pumpkins, it seemed appropriate to redeem this familiar symbol of the harvest season for His good purpose."

Maass, Robert. WHEN AUTUMN COMES. Owlet, 1992, unp. $6.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0805023496
Fiction AUTUMN
The coming of the season and the beauty of its changes are depicted in brief text. New England photographs are unusually attractive.

Myra, Harold. HALLOWEEN, IS IT FOR REAL? Illus. Jane Kurisu. Word, 1997, 32p. $7.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0849914949
394.2683 HALLOWEEN
A Christian family discusses Halloween as both a pagan festival and a celebration of church saints. Stresses the power of good over evil. Has large, busy pictures in autumn tones.

Thanksgiving

Anderson, Joan. THE FIRST THANKSGIVING FEAST. Clarion, 1989, unp. $6.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0395518865
974.402 THANKSGIVING DAY
The Pilgrims' feast is recreated at Plimoth Plantation in Massachusetts. The text is based on first-hand accounts written by the emigrants to the New World and illustrated with lively black and white photographs.

Barth, Edna. TURKEYS, PILGRIMS, AND INDIAN CORN: The Story of the Thanksgiving Symbols. Econo-Clad, 2000, 96p. $16.00, Hardcover, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0618067833
394.2 THANKSGIVING DAY
Pilgrim life—families, clothes, houses, Indian neighbors, etc.—is the main theme; and the foods from their feasts—turkey, pumpkins, cranberries, etc.—are the symbols.

Cohen, Barbara. MOLLY'S PILGRIM. Illus. Daniel M. Duffy. Lothrop Lee & Shepard, 1998, 32p. $15.00, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0688162797
Fiction THANKSGIVING DAY / JEWISH HOLIDAYS
When Molly brings a clothespin doll dressed like a Russian peasant instead of a traditional Pilgrim for the Thanksgiving scene at school, her classmates are dismayed until the teacher explains that many types of pilgrims have sought

religious freedom in the United States and that our Thanksgiving has roots in the Jewish Sukkot celebration. Has strong, realistic black and white drawings.

Cowley, Joy. GRACIAS: The Thanksgiving Turkey. Illus. Joe Cepeda. Scholastic, 1998, 32p. $5.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0590469770
Fiction THANKSGIVING DAY
A young Puerto Rican Boy named Miguel lives in New York City with his grandparents. His father sends him a turkey to fatten for Thanksgiving. When the pet follows Miguel to church and receives a blessing from the Padre, it becomes apparent they will have chicken for Thanksgiving dinner. Colorful oil paintings.

Dalgliesh, Alice. THE THANKSGIVING STORY. Econo-Clad, 1999, unp. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0808574590
Fiction THANKSGIVING DAY
This imaginative and lively retelling of the Pilgrim's Thanksgiving festival is a fine introduction to the holiday.

Gibbons, Gail. THANKSGIVING DAY. Illus. Author. Holiday, 1988, 32p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0823404897
394.2683 THANKSGIVING DAY
Both the Pilgrims' adventures and modern day celebrations are briefly but effectively described and shown in crisp, dynamic, brilliantly colored pictures.

Kessel, Joyce K. SQUANTO AND THE FIRST THANKSGIVING. Illus. Lisa Donze. Lerner, 1986, 56p. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0876144520
970.0049 INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA / THANKSGIVING DAY
Easy to read biography of the Christian Patuxet Indian who helped the Pilgrims survive during their first year in the New World includes the first Thanksgiving feast. Have plain brown and white illustrations.

Metaxas, Eric. SQUANTO AND THE MIRACLE OF THANKSGIVING. Illus. Shannon Stirnweis. Thomas Nelson, 1999, 32p. $9.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0849958644
394.268 THANKSGIVING DAY / INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA
The tale of the Massachusetts Indian Squanto who becomes a guide and friend of the Pilgrims. Colorful illustrations.

Pomeranc, Marion. THE CAN-DO THANKSGIVING. Illus. Author. Albert Whitman, 1998, 32p. $14.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0807510548
Fiction THANKSGIVING DAY
A young girl named Dee volunteers to serve and share a Thanksgiving meal at a local soup kitchen where she meets many new friends. Bright colors with familiar scenes.

Sewall, Marcia. THE PILGRIMS OF PLIMOTH. Illus. author. Atheneum, 1987, 48p. $16.95, Hardcover. Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0689312504
974.482 THANKSGIVING DAY
Interesting text is patterned on original documents from Pilgrim times and discusses the Mayflower voyage; the early hardships in the colony; everyday tasks of men, women and children; and the Thanksgiving celebration. Has lively impressionistic pictures in fresh, vivid colors. Includes glossary of Pilgrim life terms.

Whitehead, Pat. BEST THANKSGIVING BOOK. Troll, 1991, unp. $15.95, Hardcover, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 9993556556
394.2683 THANKSGIVING DAY
Short text gives the essentials of the Pilgrim saga and is combined with a topical alphabet book with merry, bright pictures of Pilgrims and Indians.

Christmas

(See also Jesus—Nativity)

Barth, Edna. HOLLY, REINDEER, AND COLORED LIGHTS: The Story of the Christmas Symbols. Illus. Ursuai Arndt. Houghton Mifflin, 1981, 96p. $7.95, Paperback, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0899190375
394.2 CHRISTMAS
The symbols of both pagan midwinter festivals and the Christian celebration of the Nativity—stars, greens and flowers, shepherds, Magi, yule logs, Santa, etc.—are explained, along with Christmas customs throughout the world.

Dellinger, Annetta. THE JESUS TREE. Illus. Susan Stoehr Morris. Concordia, 1991, unp. $8.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0570041910
394.2 CHRISTMAS
As little sisters Elizabeth and Laurie help decorate the family Christmas tree, their parents remind them of the symbolism of each item: the eternity of the evergreen, the lights for Jesus the Light of the World, the woolly lambs for the Good Shepherd, the round balls for the earth, and so on. All are useful concepts for blending the religious meanings of Christmas into the secular. The full page pictures in crayon texture and colors are flat and bright.

Kelley, Emily. CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD. Illus. Priscilla Kiedrowski. Carolrhoda, 1986, 48p. $21.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0876142498
394.2682 CHRISTMAS
Customs in Mexico, Sweden, Norway, Spain, China, Iraq, Iran, etc. are described in short sentences and shown in busy black and white and color pictures.

Livingston, Myra Cohn. CHRISTMAS POEMS. Illus. Trina Schart Hyman. Holiday, 1988, 32p. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0823405087

808.81933 CHRISTMAS—POETRY
Simple and charming works tell of bells, Magi, the holy family, and so forth. Pictures feature perky toys, Christmas ornaments, and handsome, thoughtful children.

Low, Alice. THE FAMILY READ-ALOUD CHRISTMAS TREASURY. Illus. Marc Brown. Little Brown, 1995, 137p. $12.95, Paperback, All Ages.
ISBN: 0316532843
808.833 CHRISTMAS
The religious and secular aspects of Christmas are celebrated in story, song, and rhyme, all illustrated with warmth and humor. Christmas carols, folktales, new and familiar poems, and tales by children's authors all stress the joys of the season and the rewards of giving.

Myra, Harold. SANTA, ARE YOU FOR REAL? Illus. Jane Kurisu. Thomas Nelson, 1997, 32p. $7.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0849914922
Fiction CHRISTMAS / ST. NICHOLAS
His father gives a sad and puzzled little boy a helpful explanation of the interconnection of Jesus' birth, St. Nicholas, and secular Christmas customs.

Rathert, Donna. ADVENT IS FOR WAITING. Photographer, Gordon Willman. Concordia, 1987, unp. $2.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0570041406
263.91 ADVENT
The season of Advent is explained through decorations, symbols, terms and activities.

CHRISTMAS SONGS

Chamberlain, Sarah. THE FRIENDLY BEASTS. Illus. Author. EP Dutton, 1991, 10p. $13.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0525447733
783 CAROLS
Warm tones of blues, browns, and golds and simple, crisply outlined figures illustrate the traditional folksong about the animals' gifts to the baby Jesus.

De Brebeuf, Father John. THE HURON CAROL. Illus. Frances Tyrell. Lester & Orpen Dennys, 1991, unp. $18.95, Hardcover, All ages.
ISBN: 0886192803
783 CAROLS / BREBEUF/ INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA
A French missionary to the Huron tribe in Canada wrote a beautiful Christmas song relating the Nativity to the Indians' spiritual beliefs, which was translated into English in 1926. In it God (Gitchi Manitou) sends angel choirs to Indian hunters, and three chiefs bear gifts of fox and beaver pelts to the newborn king, who brings beauty, peace, and joy to all the world. Beautiful paintings of Indians in deerskins and furs against blue and white winter backgrounds. Includes music with words in English, French, and Old Huron, with an explanatory note.

Delacre, Lulu. LAS NAVIDADES: Popular Christmas Songs From Latin America. Illus. Author. Scholastic, 1992, 32p. $6.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0590435493
783 FOLKSONGS / CAROLS
Twelve joyful songs with words in both Spanish and English are illustrated with large paintings in tropical colors of Puerto Rican families celebrating the holidays from Christmas through Epiphany. Explanatory notes discuss various customs. Simple arrangements of the music are included.

dePaola, Tomie. THE FRIENDLY BEASTS: An Old English Christmas Carol. Illus. Author. Econo-Clad, 2000, unp. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0613115589
783.65 CAROLS
The old English carol is enhanced by beautifully balanced illustrations. The donkey, cow, and sheep, the doves, the Holy Family and worshipers exude a quiet peace. Words and music.

Keats, Ezra Jack. THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY. Words and music by Katherine Davis, Henry Onorati, and Harry Simeone. Penguin, 2000, 32p. $15.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0670892262
783 CAROLS
The popular Christmas song about the poor boy who had no gift to bring the infant Jesus but a drum solo is pictured in glowing color and rhythmic strength. Words and music.

Langstaff, John. WHAT A MORNING! The Christmas Story in Black Spirituals. Illus. Ashley Bryan. Little Simon, 1996, 32p. $6.99, Paperback, Ages 9-12.
ISBN: 0689808070
783.6 SPIRITUALS / CAROLS
Words and music of five spirituals are arranged for singing and piano. Splendid pictures in brilliant colors show handsome, monumental black figures in gorgeous robes presented in a strong, primitive style.

CHRISTMAS STORIES

Alden, Raymond MacDonald. WHY THE CHIMES RANG. Buccaneer, 1989, unp. $17.95, Hardcover, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0899665950
Fiction CHRISTMAS
Two poor little boys set off to attend Christmas Eve services at a huge, famous church. The special chimes ring only when a very special offering is placed on the altar at Christmas. The older boy stops to care for a woman who has collapsed in the snow, and sends his brother ahead to the church with their modest gift of a silver coin. The chimes ring.

Aoki, Hisako. SANTA'S FAVORITE STORY. Illus. Ivan Gantschev. Simon & Schuster, 1990, 32p. $5.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.

ISBN: 0887081533
Fiction CHRISTMAS
Santa explains to a group of perky animals out in the woods that the real Christmas is not based on material gifts but on the birth of Jesus and the gift of God's love. He tells them the Nativity story in a simple form, and then they all gather at his house to help prepare presents. All are shown in winsome watercolors.

Berger, Barbara Helen. THE DONKEY'S DREAM. Illus. Author. Putnam, 1985, 32p. $16.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0399212337
Fiction JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
Delicate, musical text tells of a donkey traveling through a starry night and dreaming he is carrying various Christian symbols such as a giant rose, a gleaming city, a sailing ship, etc. He arrives in a pink-walled city where his master and mistress shelter in a cave, which fills with light upon the birth of her child. Exquisite, mystical illustrations are presented in lambent color.

dePaola, Tomie. THE CLOWN OF GOD: An Old Story. Illus. Author. Econo-Clad, 1999, 48p. $15.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0808526855
398.2 CHRISTMAS—LEGENDS
This retelling of the popular and moving legend of the orphan boy whose juggling talents win him fame as a traveling entertainer and then fade as he becomes old and out-of-favor, only to return miraculously on Christmas Eve, has great charm. Elegantly designed illustrations.

dePaola, Tomie. THE NIGHT OF LAS POSADAS. Illus. Author. Putnam, 1999, unp. $12.99, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0399234004
Fiction CHRISTMAS
Warm, loving retelling of the miracle of Christmas. The traditional custom of Los Posadas in Spain and Mexico is explained. Rich glorious paintings.

Duncan, Beverly K. CHRISTMAS IN THE STABLE. Illus. Author. Harcourt Brace, 1996, 32p. $5.00, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0152013857
811.0080 JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY—POETRY / STORIES
Nineteen charming and varied poems and their accompanying delicate watercolor illustrations view the Nativity through the eyes of various creatures, from camels and donkeys through mice and bees. Each is beautifully set on a gracefully patterned floral background symbolic of Christmas.

Farber, Norma. HOW THE HIBERNATORS CAME TO BETHLEHEM. Illus. Barbara Cooney. Walker, 1994, unp. $7.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0802783139
Fiction CHRISTMAS
The silver rays of the Christmas Star gently probe the winter hideaways of every sleeping creature and call them to worship at the stable. Exquisite pictures.

Gentile, Gennaro L. THE MOUSE IN THE MANGER. Illus. Vernon McKissack. Ave Maria, 1984, 80p. $6.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0877931658
Fiction CHRISTMAS
Oscar Mouse leaves his family burrow because his father won't give him more straw for his bed. He shelters from the cold in the stable-cave of the Nativity. He gives the straw he has gathered for himself to Mary to cushion the new baby and returns to his family a happier and wiser mouse.

Kennedy, X. J. THE BEASTS OF BETHLEHEM. Illus. Michael McCurdy. Margaret McElderry, 1992, 39p. $13.95, Hardcover, All ages.
ISBN: 0689505612
811.54 JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY—POETRY
Brief, insightful, poignant poems express the thoughts of the creatures gathered about the Nativity manger, which include the cow, horse, camel, owl, sheep and mouse, among others. Some are self absorbed or bewildered, but most are deeply sensitive to the importance of Jesus' birth. Illustrated with strong, handsome pictures in the style of colored woodcuts.

Kurelek, William. A NORTHERN NATIVITY: Christmas Dreams of a Prairie Boy. Illus. Author. Tundra, 1976, 20p. $16.95, Paperback, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0912766417
Fiction JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
A 12-year-old boy, touched by the hard times of the 1930s, dreams of the Holy Family as Eskimos in a partly built igloo, Indians seeking shelter in a trapper's hut, Blacks having Christmas turkey in a Salvation Army hostel, and in other moving and imaginative situations in a variety of town and country settings. Crisp, colorful pictures.

Menotti, Gian Carlo. AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS. Illus. Michele Lemieux. William Morrow, 1986, 64p. $21.00, Hardcover, All Ages.
ISBN: 0688054269
Fiction JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
Although far more moving and exciting when sung, the popular opera adapts fairly well to story form. Amahl is a crippled lad who lives in poverty with his widowed mother. During their search for the marvelous Child, the Magi seek shelter for the night in Amahl's tiny hut. Amahl, who has seen the Star, adds his only possession, his crutch, to their gifts. His lameness is healed at once, and he joins the Kings on their journey to Bethlehem.

Robbins, Ruth. BABOUSHKA AND THE THREE KINGS. Econo-Clad, 1999, unp. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0808590499
Fiction CHRISTMAS

The Three Kings search for the newly born Babe, stop at the snug hut of old Baboushka, invite her to share their journey and rejoice in his birth. She is too busy to join them. By the time she heeds the call it is too late. Every year at Christmastime she wanders, searching, from village to village. Stunning format.

Robinson, Barbara. THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER. Illus. by Janet Gwyn Brown. HarperTrophy, 1988, 80p. $4.95, Paperback, Ages 9 up.
ISBN: 0064402754
Fiction CHRISTMAS
The six rough and tough Herdman kids have the whole public school intimidated and move in on the Sunday School when they hear refreshments are served there. How they take over the Christmas pageant and turn it from a routine and tiresome inevitability into a lively, meaningful event is both hilarious and poignant.

Rogers, Jean. KING ISLAND CHRISTMAS. Illus. Rie Munoz. Mullberry, 1998, 32p. $6.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0688164498
Fiction CHRISTMAS
Eskimos living on an island in the Bering Sea brave angry waves to ferry their new priest in from a freighter and ensure a proper Christmas celebration. Lively, endearing pictures show a kaleidoscope of colorfully bundled figures against a cold white and blue Arctic background.

Slate, Joseph. WHO IS COMING TO OUR HOUSE? Illus. Ashley Wolff. Paper Star, 1996, 32p. $5.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0698114159
811.54 JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
In a cumulative rhymed story various farm animals and birds busily tidy the barn because guests will soon be arriving. The surprise ending: the guests are Joseph and a radiant pregnant Mary, who on the final double page spread has borne her sweet faced infant. The awed, approving beasts are crowding around them. With its simple vocabulary and large, crisp pictures filled with a mood of happy anticipation, this book should become a Christmas classic for small children and beginning readers.

Tazewell, Charles. THE LITTLEST ANGEL. Illus. Paul Micich. Ideals, 1991, 32p. $16.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0824985168
Fiction CHRISTMAS
A stunning production of the 1939 classic about a four-year-old boy who reluctantly enters heaven and becomes the despair of his fellow angels. He begs for his special box of boyhood treasures back on earth and is allowed to reclaim it. But when he hears that God is planning to send his son to earth, he timidly offers this, his only precious possession, as a gift to the new baby. The text is musical and touching.

Wildsmith, Brian. A CHRISTMAS STORY. Illus. Author. Eerdmans, 1998, 24p. $18.95, Hardcover, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0802851738
Fiction JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY
A slight plot features a colt born to the donkey that carries Mary to Bethlehem. The colt has been left in the care of little Rebecca and is lonely for its mother. Together they set out to find her, experiencing Herod's castle, the shepherds, the inn, and finally the Nativity stable. Gorgeous full page pictures in stained glass colors filled with fanciful, lush landscapes make the book a visual treat.

Wilner, Isabel. B IS FOR BETHLEHEM: A Christmas Alphabet. Illus. Elisa Kleven. Dutton, 1990, 32p. $14.99, Hardcover, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 0525446222
811.54 JESUS CHRIST—NATIVITY—POETRY
From A for Augustus, whose decree began the journey to Bethlehem, through Z for Zanzibar and other far-flung places where Christmas candles are lit today, the story of the Nativity and its happy celebrations by Christians are told in rhyme with sweet simplicity and gorgeously illustrated with intricate patterns, rich colors, and primitive-style figures.

Kwanzaa

Burden-Patmon, Denise. IMANI'S GIFT AT KWANZAA. Illus. Author. Aladdin, 1993, unp. $4.95, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0671798413
394.268 KWANZAA
During the seven-day celebration, which begins on December 26, African Americans remember their ancestors. Colorful illustrations.

Davis, Andrea. SEVEN CANDLES FOR KWANZAA. Illus. Brian Pinkney. Puffin, 1998, 32p. $5.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0140564284
394.268 KWANZAA
The seven-day festival describing the origins and practices during which people of African descent rejoice in their ancestral values. The Swahili word means "first fruits of the harvest; and for each day of Kwanzaa, a new candle is lit from December 26 to January 1.

Newton, Deborah. MY FIRST KWANZAA BOOK. Illus Cal Massey. Cartwheel, 1999, 32p. $5.99, Paperback, Ages 4-8.
ISBN: 0439129265
394.268 KWANZAA
Activities for each of the seven days of this festival. The history and various symbols are described. Beautiful colorful illustrations.

BOARD BOOKS

Old Testament/New Testament

Dorling-Kindersley. MY FIRST BIBLE BOARD BOOK. DK, 2000, 28p. $6.95, Board edition, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 0789452138
220 BIBLE
The Bible is introduced using basic concepts: colors, numbers, shapes, and sizes. Each page is filled with colorful photographs of items found in the Bible; animals, birth of Jesus, Bible foods, Bible clothing, weapons, plants and trees.

Haidle, Helen. WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? Zondervan, 1998, 26p. $6.99, Board edition, Ages 1-3.
ISBN: 1576733750
232 JESUS CHRIST
Each two-paged colorful, charming illustration with text asks a question; "When mommy comes home from shopping and she needs all the food put away, what do you think Jesus would do? Would He help with the work or go play?" Scripture follows each segment.

Lloyd-Jones, Sally. NOAH'S ARK. Standard, 1999, 18p. $5.99, Board edition, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 0784709289
222.11 NOAH'S ARK
Three-dimensional storybook is cleverly cut out and is a standup book as well. The story of Noah is simply told. Colorful pages.

Pingry, Patricia. THE STORY OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. Illus. Stacy Venturi-Pickett. Candy Cane, 1999, 26p. $6.95, Board edition, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 0824941659
222.16 TEN COMMANDMENTS
A simple telling of the story of Moses and how he received the Ten Commandments. The concept of rules is introduced. Colorful illustrations make for easy understanding.

God

Bratton, Heidi. WHERE IS GOD? (Walking With God) Paulist, 1997, 16p. $6.95, Board edition, Ages 2-4.
ISBN: 0809166410
231 GOD
Children will discover God in everyday life—at the seashore, hillside, animals, toys, and friends. The author provided black and white photographs in scenes that all young children will understand.

Gaudrat, Marie-Agnes. FAITH IN GOD. Illus. Ulises Wensel. What Is God Like Series. Liturgical Press, 1998, 10p. $4.95, Board edition, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 0814621384
231 GOD
Very simple text explaining the faith in God to small children. Muted watercolors with uncomplicated detail.

Gaudrat, Marie-Agnes. THE PRESENCE OF GOD. Illus. Ulises Wensell. What Is God Like Series. Liturgical Press, 1998, 10p. $4.95, Board edition, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 081462135X
231 GOD
Very simple text explaining God to small children. Muted watercolors with uncomplicated detail.

Kushner, Lawrence and Karen. WHERE IS GOD? Illus. Dawn Majewski. Skylight Paths, 2000, 24p. $7.95, Board edition, Ages 0-4.
ISBN: 1893361179
231 GOD
Very young children are invited to explore how God's presence is all around them through examples of touching and seeing. Full color illustrations.

Sasso, Sandy. WHAT IS GOD'S NAME? Illus. Phoebe Stone. Skylight Paths, 1999, 24p. $7.95, Board edition, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 1893361101
231 GOD
A spiritual journey for very young children to learn about God's name. Simple text. Pages have faces of children of all races, which have detailed expressions. Nondenominational.

Devotional

Curtis, Anna. MY FIRST PRAYERS AND PSALMS. Illus. Author. Random House, 1999, 24p. $7.99, Board edition, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 0375802355
242.2 PRAYERS / PSALMS
Each page has prayers or psalms for the topics of good morning, playing, thankfulness, living things, seasons, singing, home, grace, guidance, faith, loving, and good night. Colorful detailed illustrations. Some of the prayers are from Emerson, Browning, Wesley, Frost, and Keller.

Hague, Michael. A CHILD'S BOOK OF PRAYERS. Henry Holt, 1998, 28p. $6.99, Board edition, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 0805057129
242.82 PRAYER BOOKS AND DEVOTIONS
In elegantly beautiful illustrations children of various races appear in both modern and old-fashioned settings as they pray, think, dream, read, and contemplate nature. The familiar prayers are presented handsomely.

Reeves, Eira. GOING PLACES. Illus. Author. Augsburg, 1992, 10p. $3.95, Board edition, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 0806625899
248.82 CHRISTIAN LIFE
Three cute children, a white boy and girl and a black girl, cavort through this sturdy board book, having fun with everything they do and thanking God for their ability to enjoy all aspects of life. The artwork is cartoon style and very colorful.

Judaism

Groner, Judye. WHERE IS THE AFIKOMEN? Kar-Ben, 1990, 12p. $6.95, Hardcover/Board edition, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 0929371062
296.437 PASSOVER
In handsome, brightly colored illustrations a little girl searches under the Seder plate, in Elijah's cup, under Daddy's kippah, and elsewhere, until she finally finds the afikomen.

Kimmelman, Leslie. HANUKKAH LIGHTS, HANUKKAH NIGHTS. Illus. John Himmelman. Harperfestival, 1999, 22p. $6.95, Board edition, Ages 3-5.
ISBN: 0694014370
296.435 HANUKKAH
A cute beginner book counts the holiday nights from the lighting of the shammash and then the first candle through the happy celebration of the eighth. Traditional activities, games, and ceremonies are pictured in lively cartoon style ink and watercolors.

Holidays

Davidson, Alice. THE "J" IS FOR JESUS. Illus. Nancy Munger. Zondervan, 1998, 14p. $3.99, Board edition, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 0310975530
263.91 CHRISTMAS
A simple version of the story of the candy cane which helps teach the miracle of Jesus' birth. Full color illustrations in plain text.

DeBoer, Jesslyn. FOLLOW THE STAR. Zondervan, 1998, 12p. $3.99, Board edition, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 0310975549
263.91 CHRISTMAS
Simple story of the Three Wise Men and the miracle of Jesus' birth. Full color bright illustrations.

Vanderklipp, Michael. JOY TO THE WORLD. Illus. Nancy Munger. Zondervan, 1998, 12p. $3.99, Board edition, Baby-Preschool.
ISBN: 031097660X
263.91 CHRISTMAS
The celebration of the birthday of Jesus with simple stories. Full color art is charming.

Walsh, Alex. DISNEY'S THE SMALL ONE. Illus. Kathie Lee Gifford. Disney, 1997, 18p. $4.95, Board edition, Ages 2-4.
ISBN: 0786831391
Fiction CHRISTMAS
After some upsetting adventures, a boy who must sell his elderly pet donkey finds a kindly buyer in Joseph, who needs a gentle animal to carry Mary to Bethlehem.

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